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Members of the football team celebrate their Homecoming victory over #1 ranked Grand Valley State University. Photo by William Clayton, '10

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Thomas Jefferson reposes amidst fall colors on the front of campus. Photo by Douglas Coon



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Alumni Chapter Activities

NORTHERN California alumni recently initiated a new chapter there with a kick-off picnic in Walnut Creek (east of San Francisco) and, in the not-too-distant future, they're thinking they might invite all alumni on a "Road Trip" to the Bay Area and Napa Valley. Isn't that a terrific idea! Seattle/Portland alumni have similar aspirations. And the Washington, D.C., Chapter, though first organized several years ago, has witnessed renewed vitality with a little help and encouragement from the staff at the College's Kirby Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship.

Chicago-area alumni recently met in The Loop for drinks and hors d'oeuvres, and many expressed interest in joining with the Detroit and Toledo Chapters (and others) to form a regional Great Lakes Chapter.

Electricity in the Air Charger Pride is Nationwide

THE COLLEGE seems to be on a roll these days. From the crowds of supporters at Hillsdale events across the country, to the unprecedented success of our athletic teams—it's a great time to be a Charger!

It has been particularly gratifying to see the resurgence of the football program. And no game in recent memory has been more exciting than this year's Homecoming victory over #1 ranked Grand Valley. Those who witnessed it will not soon forget the thrill of that final scoring drive, and the rush-and-crush of the crowd—the largest in nearly 20 years—at mid-field as time expired.

The Chargers were nationally ranked this season and competed in the national playoffs for the first time since joining Division II of the NCAA 17 years ago. Alumni and student support at their two playoff games against Minnesota State–Mankato and Grand Valley was exceptional.

As if that weren't enough, all four fall athletic teams have been nationally ranked this year! The women's volleyball team won the GLIAC Championship for the first time in school history and made it to the second round of the regional playoffs. And both men's and women's cross-country teams have been among the nation's best, producing an All-American in Ashley Quick.

Hillsdale's athletic achievements, coupled with its stellar academic reputation among national liberal arts colleges, have resulted in an 11th place ranking for Hillsdale among all NCAA Division II schools in the National Collegiate Scouting Association's most recent Collegiate Power Rankings. And since this ranking is based on *last year's* records and statistics, look for Hillsdale to climb even higher in those rankings next year!

ALUMNI LOOKING TO BE MORE ENGAGED

As Hillsdale's stature and reputation have grown, so too has the pride our alumni feel for their Alma Mater. In recent months, I have visited with alumni from coast to coast who are interested in forming new or revitalized alumni chapters.

This interest has been largely sparked and made more feasible by the development of the College's new online alumni community as well as by the popularity of other online social networking sites. Locating and communicating with alumni is easier and cheaper than ever before. There is practically no limit to how many—or where—additional clubs might be formed.

Let me know what kinds of things you'd like to see a local alumni chapter do. And if you wish to connect with an alumni chapter in your area or form a new one, contact me at ghasted@hillsdale.edu.

Grigor "Scot" Hasted, '74
Director of Alumni Relations



Relay for Life

- Seventh annual College Relay
- 18 teams
- 203 participants
- 15 registered cancer survivors
- \$5,065 raised
- Relay for Life began 24 years ago in Tacoma, Washington
- “Operation Hope” was this year’s theme
- 3.5 million in 5,000 U.S. communities participate annually

Giving Life to Hope

Students and Staff Remember and FIGHT BACK AT RELAY FOR LIFE

ON A MISTY FALL morning in late September, Hillsdale College students and staff gathered to remember those touched by cancer and to celebrate its survivors at the seventh annual Relay for Life. Relay for Life began 24 years ago in Tacoma, Washington, when marathon runner Gordy Klatt began to run to raise funds locally for his American Cancer Society. Relay for Life, now a national tradition, is one of the 25 GOAL (Great Opportunities for Assistance and Leadership) programs at Hillsdale. These programs are community service projects conducted in partnership with organizations like the Salvation Army and the Alpha Omega Women’s Shelter, and include Adult Literacy and Buddy Reading. Junior Amanda Snider, who oversees the Relay for Life GOAL program, directed this year’s event.

This year’s Relay theme at Hillsdale College, “Operation Hope,” was intended to



College employee Sally Nichols, right, passes the flower "baton" to Amanda Snider, '11.



Assistant Professor of Spanish Dr. Olga Muñiz, a cancer survivor, spoke about her personal struggle with and triumph over the disease.

emphasize that the College will continue to aid those who are suffering and fundraise to find a cure. At the opening ceremony, the men's and women's music honoraries, Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota, joined in singing the national anthem. Afterwards, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., participants marched around the front quad sidewalks on the "relay" course. After walking laps, students decorated the sidewalks with chalk and played tug-o-war and corn hole. A variety of student organizations, including the seven Greek houses, the American Chemical Society, Sigma Zeta math and science honorary, and the enthusiastic theatre honorary, Alpha Psi Omega, lined the course with decorated tables while their representatives walked.

The day's events were punctuated by two special ceremonies. The first occurred at 11:00 a.m. when Assistant Professor of Spanish Dr. Olga Muñiz opened the Survivor's Ceremony by speaking of her struggle with breast cancer. She highlighted the support of her husband and daughter as she attempted to keep a positive attitude through the

treatments. Muñiz, a native of Puerto Rico, noted that she first responded to her diagnosis by dressing up as lovely as she could for her daughter's Christmas program and wearing bright red lipstick. She continues to live life to the fullest—now cancer-free. Following her remarks, the many survivors in attendance took a victory lap around the course.

The Relay closed with a final lap, ending at the luminarias on the steps of Central Hall arranged to spell HOPE. All observed a moment of prayer and reflection while Dr. Jim Stephens played "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes.

Snider was pleased by the College's support of the event this year, despite the weather. She became involved with Relay for Life in high school after her mother was diagnosed with LGL Leukemia. At Hillsdale, she immediately became involved in the program's efforts to advance cancer awareness and the need for cancer research. In all that she does, Snider embraces Relay for Life's mission to "Celebrate/Remember/Fight back" and will continue to lead this effort at Hillsdale College.

■ BETSY PETERS, '10



Students decorated the sidewalks with messages of hope and encouragement.

Vive le Français!

New Language Lab and a Generous Gift

BOOST FRENCH DEPARTMENT

DR. ELLEN Justice-Templeton is Midwest born and bred—a 1971 Hillsdale alumna—but she sounds like a small bit of Paris in the cornfields as her French rolls off her tongue in gentle, sonorous tones. She’s spent 37 years in the French Department, progressing from a temporary one-year position to become its head, and she’s watched it grow into a thriving department with more majors than ever before. Now, she’s excited because a new language lab—a gift of the Class of 2009—promises to transform her students’ experience with the French language.

Justice-Templeton attributes much of the department’s growth to a generous gift given in 2003 by a woman who had only visited Hillsdale once. Christine Frazier Smith came to Hillsdale because her parents—Sydney and Cécile Frazier Smith—supported the school from afar after reading *Imprimis*. Christine donated to the Business Department in memory of her father, and to the French Department in memory of her mother. Born in Giverny, home of Monet’s water lilies, Cécile, though British, was educated in France and always had a special love for the country. The money had no strings attached; the department could use it in any way they wished. Justice-Templeton calls it “a tremendous boon.”

Using part of the gift, Justice-Templeton and her colleagues—Dr. Marie-Claire Morellec and Dr. Maria Rebbert—created the Christine Frazier Smith Study Abroad Scholarships, first awarded in 2004. These provide for deserving students with three or more semesters of French to study at the Institut de Touraine in Tours. Students may attend either a four-week summer session or a full semester, learning speech and composition skills in small classes. For those unable to travel to France, the French honorary,



Dr. Maria Rebbert explains French grammar.

Pi Delta Phi, has used the Frazier Smith award to introduce students to French culture. One year, the honorary took students to see *Cyrano de Bergerac* at the Detroit Opera; last year, it took them to lunch at a French cabaret. The honorary has also traveled to French art exhibits from Detroit to Chicago, normally using the Frazier

Smith award to pay for the trip. Without that, said Justice-Templeton, “many students wouldn’t be able to go.”

Still, cultivating an ear for *la belle langue* in Michigan can be difficult. The honorary tries to help by sponsoring a French Table in the cafeteria each week and offering free French tutoring for struggling beginners. But when the Class of 2009 approached the language departments to see if they would be interested in a language lab, faculty were thrilled. “We have limited staffing in the French Department,” Justice-Templeton said, “and so we have no phonetics courses. Right now, students go to France to learn phonetics, but many can’t go, and we’d like to better prepare the others for going abroad.” The language lab would supplement the French Department’s immersion language program with computer programs that guide students in imitating native speech patterns. In conjunction with the Spanish and German Departments, the French professors are currently looking into two different computer programs that employ native speakers. Right now, they are considering both *Rosetta Stone* and *Tell Me More*, but they have yet to reach a decision.

The language lab remains a dream, currently consisting of four computers in a closet-like room in the Knorr Student Center. But Justice-Templeton hopes it will open in Spring 2010. Until then, she said, “We’re trying to be deliberate, to pace things right so that we get the best.” And not only the best computer software. French films will be available on the computers, and foreign TV and radio stations will be bookmarked on the Web. The library will catalogue all

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Young Entrepreneurs

Hillsdale Chapter of Students in Free Enterprise CHALLENGES PHILIPPINES ORPHANAGE

STUDENTS in Free Enterprise (SIFE), an organization with over 900 chapters in the U.S. and many more internationally, has a strong presence at Hillsdale College. Students in the Hillsdale chapter work with an advisory board of local business leaders and Hillsdale alumni to promote entrepreneurship, market economics, environmental sustainability, business ethics, personal success skills, and financial literacy.

In past years, the Hillsdale chapter has developed a unique partnership with the Lingap Children's Foundation in the Philippines. Recently, after raising \$1,000 through t-shirt sales so that the Lingap orphanage could buy computers for its library, the SIFE students decided to teach free-market principles to the children at the orphanage by giving them a project of their own.

This project took the form of a competition with the 100 children at the orphanage, ages 4-17, divided among five teams. Hillsdale's SIFE chapter distributed \$300 of seed



Children at the Lingap orphanage make beaded jewelry for their SIFE project.



Girls at the Lingap Center share a laugh as they make rags.

money among the teams with which they were to design and create a product to sell locally. These products were judged for a variety of criteria such as creativity, profitability, affordability, and quality. Each team received the technical support and encouragement of staff workers, but the children were expected to do the work themselves. They eagerly set about their projects: cake and pastry baking, floor wax and candle production, jewelry, food processing, and rag making. The children sold their products by consignment through their summer break, from April to July, working to win the competition.

This exercise inspired some of the Lingap children to propose a counter-challenge to the SIFE chapter back at Hillsdale. Although the jewelry team lost the competition to the cake baking team, they sent their boxes of jewelry to Hillsdale, urging the college students to compete amongst themselves to sell the jewelry in the United States.

Founder of Lingap and SIFE advisor John Drake, '74, noted that, besides learning valuable market skills, the children at the orphanage developed teamwork and trust. For children who have experienced abuse and neglect, the success of the project extends far beyond the monetary benefits. "Some were really exceptional with their leadership skills," Drake said. He also remarked how much fun the children had in the process. Judging from the pictures of the Lingap children, they certainly look like they had fun. And Drake looks forward to seeing how the SIFE students will take up their counter-challenge. ■ BETSY PETERS, '10

LANGUAGE LAB CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

available items so that students will know what the lab offers. And, while stocking the lab, the French faculty must decide how the new resources will affect their teaching. Justice-Templeton believes that some computer work will become a

requirement for French 201 and 300, though the resources would be available to all. The lab may be small, but Justice-Templeton has great hopes: "Once the students get over there and see what they can do, we'll expand." She grins with an air of *bonne chance*. ■ KIERNAN SCHROEDER, '10

Student Activities

In addition to unofficial groups and activities at Hillsdale College, official groups and activities include:

- 40 clubs
- 29 honorary societies
- 25 volunteer programs
- 4 fraternities
- 3 sororities
- Varsity sports
- Intramural sports
- 4 publications
- Student government
- Fine and performing arts ensembles and organizations

Hillsdale College, After Hours

Students Create Their Own EVENING TRADITIONS

After classrooms close and faculty and staff leave for the day, Hillsdale's campus remains a busy place. While athletic events, fine arts performances, and Greek and student club meetings fill the calendar on most weeknights, Hillsdale students have created many of their own after-hours activities, some of which have become enduring traditions. Student writers Betsy Peters, Kiernan Schroeder, and Philip Zoutendam scoured campus for a week in search of some of Hillsdale's unique after-hours pursuits.

Sunday

MOSSEY LIBRARY

IT IS NOT so much what happens in the library itself this Sunday night, but what the library reveals about the other happenings at Hillsdale College. Central Hall chimes 8:30 p.m. The main floor buzzes with whispered procrastination. The student librarian at the circulation desk gossips with two friends on their way to AJ's for a late-night snack, while a louder group of freshmen reenters, ready to begin a study session. Walking past the circulation desk, I hear the student worker whisper, "I heard she's engaged. I know. Crazy. I don't believe it."

Minutes later, the main doors burst open and two sophomore girls dance in. One is chattering like a chipmunk, her face flushed, as the other, wild curls bouncing, guides her friend to the circulation desk. In the back, I hear loud whispers growing to shrieks. Conversations pause and heads turn toward the noise, waiting. Perhaps one more moment of fun before the week begins.

Soon Sarah, the rosy one, runs to me, thrusting her left hand before her like a trophy. An antique engagement ring glimmers in fluorescent light. She pours out her tale so loudly that the entire floor of the library can eavesdrop easily. A picnic at Stocks Park—he got on his knee—she smiled and screamed. Another Hillsdale romance blossoms. I hug her and smile and hug her again. Then she continues her rounds, jumping from person to person, endlessly retelling her tale. She knows nearly everyone in the library, of course, as do I.

After she leaves, even the new Delta Tau Deltas look down at their books. People pop in their headphones and disappear in their research-paper citadels. I start repeating French verbs. *Je aime, tu aimes, il aime*. Quiet descends. Another hour passes.

By 11:00 p.m., the crowd is surprisingly thin. A handful of people are on their way out, as if they had told themselves "I'll just work until 11:00 tonight." The rest of us settle into an industrious hush. Most have finally turned to their studies, either in resolution or resignation.

Around midnight, several more pockets of people exit through the heavy oak doors, strengthening the theory that students labor toward an hourly deadline. At 12:50 a.m., Igor, the student librarian, issues the 10-minute warning. Most come up the front stairwell from the lower floors, like an exodus from the lower strata of an anthill. At 1:00 a.m., as the last stragglers wander out, Igor and the other worker behind the circulation desk begin flipping the light switches next to the front desk. Closing time. You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here.

Monday

WATERMAN RESIDENCE

IT'S MIDTERMS, so only a few students cluster around Waterman's coffee table, sipping tea from glass cups. Two of them took an exam in Russian history that day and are delighted to discover that Tonia, drinking demurely in the corner, speaks Russian. They laugh as she says "Boris" in the accent of a Russian peasant.

Emily Droege, '10, their host, sits next to the fireplace surrounded by Spanish homework. Even when she doesn't have time—like tonight—she doesn't regret hosting Waterman tea. She baked a cake from leftover sour cream, and its crumbs now litter the living room floor. As a group of giddy freshmen stamps in, sheltering from the cold, she puts more water on to boil. They will need another pot.

These gatherings began four years ago when a few freshmen crowded onto the beds in a room in Olds Residence shared by Cara Burke, '10, and Erin Risch, '10. Every Tuesday night at eight, we tossed off our shoes in the hallway and sat on floors and counters—even in the closet—clutching mugs and chattering with the buoyancy of youth. Cara steeped countless pots, setting them on the shelves above our heads after they were emptied.

**"Every Tuesday night at eight,
we sat on floors and counters
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with the buoyancy of youth."**

Cara served tea to assuage her homesickness for her family's cup of evening tea, but Shannon Taylor, '09, fell in love with the ritual that brought friends together from all classes for a bit of peaceful fellowship in the midst of a busy week. When she moved to Waterman her junior year, she offered to continue that weekly tradition. And it grew, in Waterman's spacious living room, until the house reverberated with laughter each Tuesday evening and even those walking by outside would grin. Many a shy freshman here made her first friends; many a young couple fell in love over Shannon's tea and cookies.

When Shannon graduated, many thought that the weekly tradition would die. But, Emily says, "I loved tea too much. I didn't have time, but I realized that I should make time."



Monday night tea at Waterman provides a cozy respite from the busyness of college life.

So she put on a pot to boil and invited all her friends and acquaintances for a cup on Monday evenings.

On some Mondays, the living room is crowded and bubbling; on others, like tonight, a gentle silence reigns. But the black tea warms and the conversation calms. I turn to my neighbor, whom I've never met, and introduce myself. She's the sister of a friend and she loves opera. Reaching for another slice of cake, I wrap myself in the warmth of our conversation and my cup of tea for a few more minutes before the busy cold of a Hillsdale semester calls me away.

Tuesday KNORR STUDENT CENTER

FOOTSTEPS ECHO loudly in the old student union. The students clustering around the TV or staring at computer screens seem like ghosts. Few speak to each other, and that in whispers.

But at ten to nine, a trickle of students flows toward the chapel. Some tired seniors wander over from the library. A tutor climbs the stairs from the Writing Center in the basement. Two freshmen girls link arms and brave the chilly walk from McIntyre.

When they arrive, Stephen is already there, marking the readings in an old study Bible that sits on the shelf. Everyone quietly takes their seats. An icon screen adorns the altar—the Orthodox students must have used the chapel this afternoon. Yet the smell of incense still lingers, so perhaps the Catholics just finished praying the Rosary. It's not Thursday, so Phillips Auditorium is quiet — no praise songs wafting up from the

weekly worship meeting, "The Well."

They have come to pray. The chair-backs house the Book of Common Prayer, but the students come from many traditions—Lutheran and Catholic and Evangelical. Tonight, everyone sits with closed eyes, ostensibly praying, but most likely pausing to rest for a moment in the midst of midterm madness. But some nights, the chapel rings with jokes and laughter.

Then Stephen stands and intones, "Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God." Everyone kneels. Prayer has begun.

They don't have to pray; Hillsdale has no mandatory chapel services. But here, freedom encourages devotion. The year before, a few students set out a sign-up sheet for those who wanted to read the Evening Prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer one night a week. They began meeting Sunday night through Friday night. Friends told their friends, and the crowd grew from two to four to seven to ten. Now, all the chairs in the chapel are occupied.

"...here [at Hillsdale], freedom encourages devotion."

As Stephen concludes—"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost go with us all evermore. Amen"—he invites everyone to share a "holy hug." I introduce myself to a newcomer named Theo and then hug him. Odd perhaps, but comforting in the whirl of a campus week. A few slip away quickly to study; others linger and chat. As I walk back to the library, I'm singing a hymn. From across the quad, an unknown voice joins in for a moment.

Wednesday

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA HOUSE

WHILE NORMALLY a quiet night at the Kappa house, with a few girls heading off to play BINGO at the Drew's Place Retirement Community, tonight the house is full. To raise awareness for Mental Health Day, the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma are hosting their first annual Spa Night. Friends from other sororities and non-Greek women mingle and chat.

In the living room, cosmetic consultants from the Hillsdale area have set up tables with samples of their products. One offers pedicures, another manicures. Behind them, a long line forms for the free massage; most talk about Fall Break plans while waiting. After studying for midterms, the girls look forward to releasing stress. Others try some relaxation therapy in the sitting room. Though the house is full, the tenor is relaxed.

As the evening wears on, the guests start disappearing; some head off to the opening performance of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* at the Sage Center; some to the 21st birthday party of a friend in Simpson; and others, rejuvenated, to study.

Thursday

GALLOWAY RESIDENCE

IT'S A COLD, soggy Thursday night, not the time or the weather for a barbecue. The flames are dancing, though, from the grill on Galloway's East Porch—the orange flicker a pleasant if surprising contrast to the drizzly night and the soaked pavement. Resident Assistant Andy Parker, sporting a “Kiss the Cook” apron over his otherwise bare torso, stands back as the coals heat up. The Central Hall tower chimes ten o'clock—time for the weekly Galloway Feast.

Parker, a junior, is this year's “Feastmaster.” For him, the Thursday night ritual begins with a 7:00 p.m. expedition to Wal-Mart. The usual purchase: a sack of frozen hamburger patties and three or four packages of pre-cooked brats. At 10:00 or a little before, he descends the stairs from his third floor room, fires up the grill, and waits. It's a simple tradition and requires little innovation, though Parker has tried to establish a more consistent schedule this year. “It used to be more hit-or-miss,” he said. “Attendance is better this way.”

As if on cue, a handful of freshmen, all bare-chested like Andy, wander onto the porch from the lobby. A couple of them light up cigars, and the smell of tobacco mingles with the scent of charcoal and the low tones of rambling conversation. Ten minutes later, several more underclassmen trot up through the rain, stripping their shirts off as they near the overhang. (Shirtlessness, you may have guessed, is part of the tradition.) Meanwhile, a black felt hat arrives laden with ketchup and mustard and relish. Its contents are promptly set aside and the hat itself is passed around: “Dollar in the hat, boys . . . don't be cheap.”

The first burgers come off the grill around 10:20, and fresh brats keep appearing for a solid half-hour. The size and shape of the group fluctuates; most huddle under the overhang,

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though a few brave the wet, open air until the rain picks up and drives them to shelter. Topics of conversation vary from cluster to cluster. Some talk politics, others chat about tests and professors, and at one point a few voices strike up a song, briefly drowning out all other noise.

Just before 11:00, the crowd, which has hovered around 30, evaporates. Most head back inside; a few tug shirts over their heads and make their way toward Olds—“We still got an hour before the lobby's closed.” As Andy gathers the remaining condiments and leftover buns, a sophomore appears in the doorway, shirtless, hungry, and somewhat confused: “Wait . . . What? We're done?” “Yeah,” says Andy, “we're done.” Until next week.

Friday

THE BLUE HOUSE, OFF CAMPUS

THE E-MAIL goes out each Friday, usually later rather than sooner: “Poetry, eight o'clock at the Blue House.”

The Blue House is, of course, blue, but one has to know more than this to find it. It's a compact cottage, a block or so from campus, just north of the Pi Phi house and City Church on Hillsdale Street. Its appropriately small parking space, delineated by a fir tree here and a maple there, is unusually

congested this week. Walking around back and entering through the kitchen, one finds the living room even more crowded—indeed, to the point of overflow. Under- and upperclassmen alike occupy the snug room, sitting on fold-up canvas chairs and couches, leaning in corners, and stretching out, where possible, on the floor. Faceless voices drift in from the hall and around the corner from the foyer.

Tonight is a little different than most Fridays at the Blue House. The selected reading, Chesterton's "Ballad of the White Horse," is a long poem but a Hillsdale favorite, and this, along with the promise of homemade cider and "musical interludes," has nearly doubled normal attendance. Host, arbiter, and unofficial master of ceremonies Raymond Spiotta, '10, is hardly disconcerted by the crowd, though—in fact, it energizes him. Tiptoeing over and around sprawled limbs, he and a few others haul in armfuls of candles, light them and hit the light switches in quick succession, after which he leads the abruptly hushed group in an Irish chorus. Feet stomp (to the peril of shuddering candles), voices probe out the harmony, vessels of every imaginable variety clink and are tilted back—and then the poetry begins.

Raymond himself is the first to read, launching into the poem's dedication and scarcely pausing to look up as he charges through the first 900 lines. The group pauses for an interlude—a few fragmented melodies from an Irish flute and another chorus—and then Monica Way, '10, picks up where Raymond left off. Her mild, measured alto contrasts with Raymond's vehement baritone. Matthew Johnson, '10, who reads after Monica, lends a distinctive third voice, a robust and husky bass, when the book is passed to him.

After another 600 or so lines of the poem, the group pauses for a longer musical interlude. Instruments of all kinds materialize from different corners of the house.

Two guitars strum out the rhythm, and Raymond's penny whistle, along with a few voices and, eventually, a fiddle, chase each other around the melody. The "onion song" follows a few more Irish tunes, and the mellow "Spanish Leather," almost whispered by a single guitar and a single voice, concludes the impromptu set.

Participants become more meditative as the recitation

"I can't think of anything better on a Friday night."

resumes and approaches its conclusion. Matthew Taylor, a native Briton and a recent Hillsdale graduate visiting for the weekend, finishes the poem slowly, carefully. The only sounds disturbing the hush are the half-swallowed snores of a guitar player.

It's 11 o'clock, the latest Poetry Night on record. Outside, the chill night air is sharper than expected. After trading smiles and a few hugs and sharing a final Irish chorus, loose groups of people amble toward their cars or wander across the grass toward campus. Monica's words from earlier in the evening, uttered to no one in particular, still hover in the air: "I can't think of anything better on a Friday night."

■ KIERNAN SCHROEDER, '10, BETSY PETERS, '10,
AND PHILIP ZOUTENDAM, '10



Students listen meditatively as Raymond Spiotta reads a poem at the Blue House Poetry Night.

Illuminating the Stage

Michael Beyer Creates AWARD-WINNING LIGHTING DESIGNS

MICHAEL BEYER, for all his accomplishments, is an unassuming man. His office is cluttered with wood planks and electric cords, remnants of last-minute set changes and lighting fixes. He's dedicated the past six years to his role as lighting designer and production manager at Hillsdale. But he's never stopped doing professional work in Michigan and Northern Ohio.

This year, he designed lighting for a production of *The Glass Menagerie* by BoarsHead Theatre in Lansing, the only professional theatre in mid-Michigan. *The Lansing State Journal* selected his design for a Thespie Award, recognizing it as the best lighting design of all area professional plays. "I don't get a plaque on the wall or anything," Beyer noted with a smile. But his work, regularly showcased by the Tower Players on campus, speaks for itself.

Recognition is not unusual for Beyer. A graduate of Ashland University, he began his theatre studies in acting. "I first saw a play with my aunt when I was in third or fourth grade. I remember thinking then, 'I could do that, too.'" He was paying for college by himself, however, and did work-study hours in the scene shop. Eventually, he was master electrician for several productions. All of this, of course, led him to lighting design. "Lighting just came naturally," Beyer remarked. His professors encouraged him and pushed him to decide between a career in lighting design and



Lighting designer and
production manager
Michael Beyer

a career in acting. "Over time, I realized that it's a lot easier to be a lighting designer who also acts than just an actor," he explained.

By the time he knew that he wanted to pursue lighting design full-time, however, he was "behind the eight-ball." But that didn't stop him. Since graduating in 2001, he has received an M.F.A. in lighting design

from Wayne State University and has designed productions for the Michigan Shakespeare Festival, Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield, and Theatre by the Sea in Matunuck, Rhode Island—to name a few. He also tours with the Columbus band One Under as their lighting designer. He particularly enjoys this work, as he's a devoted fan of rock and roll. "I'm even helping to teach a seminar on rock and roll this semester," he grinned.

Beyer came to Hillsdale in 2004, he said, not expecting to stay longer than three years. But he loves the "small school atmosphere" and his friendships with his colleagues. "What can I say about Hillsdale, other than that I'm still here!" he smiled again. The Hillsdale Theatre Department—and the campus at large—is glad for it. ■ KIERNAN SCHROEDER, '10



Michael Beyer creates lighting designs for the Tower Players as well as non-college productions like *The Tempest* at the Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

Dancing for Charity

Popular Dance Benefits Area Music Programs

THE SIGMA ALPHA IOTA Charity Ball comes early each autumn, just as the leaves begin to turn and freshmen begin dating. Many a young man chooses the Charity Ball as a first date. For \$25, he can benefit charity and enjoy a night of live swing music, chocolate-covered strawberries, and truffles with a lovely girl. The weeks before the ball, freshman girls whisper excitedly about their dates in the minutes before class. And upperclassmen still won't miss the popular dance either.

As a freshman, Gretchen Spencer, '10, never would have believed that she would coordinate the Charity Ball four years later. Shy and studious, she enjoyed neither planning nor parties. But that changed after she joined Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI), the women's music fraternity, her sophomore year. "I think joining SAI is one of the best things I did at Hillsdale," she smiled. "It broadened my circle of friends and integrated me with the campus better." Her SAI big sister Hannah Stone, '09, coordinated the Charity Ball in 2008, and a surprised Spencer inherited it the next year.

The Charity Ball, now in its eighth year, is the music fraternity's largest annual philanthropic event. Its proceeds go to benefit an area school's music department. Hillsdale Academy was the beneficiary of this year's dance, having been selected from over 30 applications. "It's hard," Spencer said of the selection process. "You want to help them all." The money supports music education for grades 1 through 12, allowing for the purchase of instruments and sheet music for small or even dormant music programs. Promoting music education in this way is one of the central purposes of SAI.

In 2002, the first Charity Ball raised \$1,800 to benefit Hillsdale High School. Since then, its growth has exploded. In



Young and old alike danced to the jazzy sounds of the Ken Fourn Orchestra at the Charity Ball.

2007, the ball made \$4,000, and 2008 set a record with proceeds of \$5,500. Keeping costs low is critical.

Members also pound the pavement to raise funds for the ball, asking friends, family, faculty, and patrons of SAI for contributions.

Local florists donate flowers, and neighborhood businesses contribute gift certificates for raffles. This year's raffle contestants won everything from a Mexican dinner to a new haircut. Such donations foster the bonds between campus and community that SAI seeks to nurture.

And what would a ball be without music? SAI hires the Ken Fourn

Orchestra from Adrian to play for the ball each year. Dancing is popular at Hillsdale—one of the most popular clubs is Swing Club—and students flock to the ball for the swing jazz from a real orchestra. Not all the music is for dancing, however. SAI performed "The Way You Look Tonight" as a women's chorale, inviting their brother organizations—Mu Alpha and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia men's music fraternities—to sing as well. Hillsdale Academy also sent its chamber choir to perform under the direction of Gail Mowry. Spencer remarked, "I'm excited that attendees got to hear the very kids they'll be benefitting. It helps people to know that it's for a good cause."

The whole evening inspires musicality, and most leave whistling a tune. SAI members, though tired, are happy to share their love of music. As Victoria Harper, '10, put it, "Whenever I'm with these girls, I think, 'I just love music, and I want everyone else to love it, too.'"

■ KIERNAN SCHROEDER, '10

Mixing the Old with the New

Dr. Kevin Portteus Makes Political Science Fresh and Relevant

DR. KEVIN PORTTEUS received a rather cold reception on his first visit to Hillsdale—not from students or faculty, but from the weather. Leaving sunny skies and 70 degrees in Charlotte, North Carolina, Portteus met sub-freezing temperatures and piles of snow in Michigan. Thankfully, he found the community at Hillsdale more hospitable than the weather: after a series of interviews and guest lectures, Portteus accepted a position in the College's Political Science Department. Now in his “sophomore” year as a Hillsdale faculty member, Portteus's ability to adapt has been tested by more than the weather, and he has embraced the unique amalgamation of novelty and permanence, of old and new, he discovered at Hillsdale.

Though he knew Hillsdale College as “an excellent place with high-quality students,” Portteus was perhaps a bit surprised by the extent of that quality. In his first semester teaching the U.S. Constitution course, he gave Hillsdale students the same multiple choice, true/false exam he had given at other institutions. Whereas 60 percent of students elsewhere failed, the results at Hillsdale were far better, and Portteus continues to be impressed by the caliber of students in all his classes. “They're far more committed, far more engaged,” he explained, than the majority of students he had encountered previously.

To keep his courses current, Portteus regularly modifies some of the readings: “I change things every semester. I want [students] to read something fresh and relevant.” These adaptations are most apparent in his Constitution course, the final segment of which covers modern liberalism and modern conservatism. New controversies arise each year, so material is added or changed on each new syllabus. This tends to frustrate students at the beginning of the semester, Portteus explained: instead of borrowing their roommate's course packet from the previous semester, they must purchase their own. By the end of the term, however, his pupils' frustration is mollified because the new subject matter illuminates in a fresh way the months of historical and foundational material preceding it. “I love watching lights go on and hearing students come back later and tell how much it helped,” Portteus said.

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Kevin Portteus

- Assistant Professor of Political Science
- B.A., Ashland University, 2001
- M.A., University of Dallas, 2003
- Ph.D., University of Dallas, 2006
- Joined Hillsdale faculty in 2008

Homecoming

I'm a Believer!



THE WEATHER THREATENED to spoil the party, the Grand Valley offense threatened to end it prematurely—but on Saturday night, all was yet well.

It was a perfect Homecoming Weekend.

Homecoming festivities began Friday evening with the 58th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet. After a pre-dinner reception in the Dow Center, guests made their way to the old Curtiss Dining Hall for the banquet. Before the ceremony, Hillsdale President Dr. Larry Arnn addressed the assembly, thanking those present for their support of the College and its unchanging mission. “There is something that binds the people in this room who have come together,” he said: “Friendship . . . formed in common admiration of the highest and most beautiful things.”

Four alumni were honored Friday night. Thomas N. “Toby”



Hynes, '69, and Joseph C. "Chris" Chocola, '84, received the Distinguished **ALUMNI AWARD** for their outstanding professional accomplishments and their service to Hillsdale College. Hynes is the president of Gulf States Toyota, an independent Toyota distributor located in Houston, Texas. GST, which supplies vehicles, parts, and accessories to dealers in Texas and the Gulf Region, boasts over 1,200 employees and is one of the nation's largest privately held companies. After completing a business major at Hillsdale, Hynes received an MBA from Stanford University and embarked on a 30-year career at the Ford Motor Company before joining GST in 1999. Hynes and his wife Joanne have one son, Adam.

Chocola is the president and CEO of the Club for Growth and a former U.S. Congressman from Indiana. A Michigan native, Chocola majored in business administration and political economy at Hillsdale, where he played on the tennis team, pledged the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and, most important,

met his future wife, Sarah Pennock, '85. After completing his undergraduate studies, Chocola received a law degree from Cooley Law School in 1988 and then began a career at CTB, Inc.—an agricultural manufacturing and marketing business founded by his grandfather. After serving as the company's CEO and chairman, Chocola entered the race for Indiana's Second District Congressional seat and served two terms, from January 2003 to January 2007. Often a lonely voice and vote in Washington, he carried on the Hillsdale tradition of defending individual freedom. Chocola now carries on the same fight at the helm of the Club for Growth, one of America's leading limited-government, free-enterprise advocacy groups.

This year's GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) recipient, John V. Farrar, '98, was recognized for significant professional achievement within ten years of his Hillsdale graduation. Farrar began his professional career at General Mills, and then joined the Chicago office of Valassis National Sales in



2000. He was quickly promoted to regional manager, and then rose to the position of Vice President of Consumer Package Goods Sales in 2008, making him the youngest vice president in company history. In this capacity, he oversees over \$350 million in annual revenue across different media outlets. As a Hillsdale student, Farrar majored in marketing, was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, and played on the College's golf team for two years. He studied for a semester at the University of Salamanca in Spain and also received an MBA *cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame in 2006.

Penny Arnn, Hillsdale College's First Lady, received the Honorary Alumni Award for her noteworthy and loyal support to the College. Though Hillsdale's newest alumna, Mrs. Arnn has been a familiar face on campus for nearly a decade. Born in Lancashire, England, she met her husband, Dr. Larry P. Arnn, while working in the office of Sir Martin Gilbert at Merton College, Oxford. Since arriving at Hillsdale in 2000

when her husband became the college's president, Mrs. Arnn has served as an ex-officio member of the Board of Women Commissioners, helped organize the annual Children's Christmas breakfast, and served on the Hillsdale County Community Foundation. She has also hosted thousands of students and guests at Broadlawn, the president's home.

After the awards were distributed, the gathering migrated to the Afterglow, where guests enjoyed dessert, drinks and quiet conversation with old friends. As the alumni festivities wound down for the evening, however, student activities were just beginning to heat up. Around 9:00 p.m., a surprisingly large crowd braved the cold and huddled around the **STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD BONFIRE** on the intramural fields. Thankfully, the evening's intermittent rain and drizzle finally quit, and after a pep rally led by Charger coaches and players, the crowd enjoyed an impressive fireworks display.

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Alumni Award Recipient Chris Chocola and his wife Sarah at the Alumni Tree Dedication



Choir Reunion



The skies cleared and the weather held for Saturday afternoon's **HOMECOMING GAME**. Over 3,000 fans, a capacity crowd, flocked to Muddy Waters Stadium to watch Hillsdale take on #1 ranked Grand Valley State. The Lakers had not lost a regular-season game in five seasons and had not lost to Hillsdale in 15 years, but by the end of the first half, the Chargers had proven that they would not be intimidated. Though Grand Valley scored a touchdown and a field goal in the first quarter, Hillsdale struck back early in the second, took the lead with six minutes left in the quarter, and blocked an extra point attempt to maintain a two-point margin, 17-15, at the half.

After the **HALFTIME CORONATION CEREMONY** for homecoming king Taylor Gage, DTD, and queen Lauren Walcher, PBB, the Chargers took the field to the roar of a standing crowd. Hillsdale added to its lead in the third quarter, but surrendered a touchdown and a field goal to fall behind 24-20 with five minutes remaining. Then, in a do-or-die situation, quarterback Troy Weatherhead engineered an electrifying drive, brought the crowd back to its feet, and pulled the Chargers ahead by three with only 30

seconds left on the clock. Scores of students massed on the edges of the field, waiting and hoping. The Lakers, in their final possession, pushed up the field with terrifying efficiency, and for a moment the afternoon tottered on the verge of collapse. But a 49-yard field goal attempt flew wide right as the clock ran out, and the crowd flooded the field in celebration of Hillsdale's biggest upset in over a decade.

The celebration continued, and the weekend reached its happy conclusion at the Saturday night Charger Tent Party only a few hundred yards from the stadium. Partygoers enjoyed several opening acts before the night's main attraction, former Monkees lead singer Micky Dolenz, took the stage to applause that could be heard several blocks down College Street.

Everyone went home happy. It was, indeed, the perfect Homecoming Weekend. ■ PHILIP ZOUTENDAM, '10



Taylor Gage and Lauren Walcher





OPPOSITE PAGE:

[TOP] Delta Tau Delta celebrates the crowning of one of their members.

[BOTTOM LEFT] Rachael Sjoerdsma, '11, cheers on fellow Pi Phi Lauren Walcher.

[BOTTOM RIGHT] 2009 Homecoming King and Queen, Taylor Gage and Lauren Walcher

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[TOP LEFT] Charger swimmers compete in Annual Blue and White meet on Saturday morning.

[TOP RIGHT] Cody Ewers, '10, Andy Buss, '10, and Josh Grabner, '09, celebrate the Charger football victory.

[MIDDLE, L TO R] Tailgating, Mockrock win by the women's basketball team, and lead singer of the Monkees, Micky Dolenz



Hillsdale fans formed a tunnel as the Chargers ran onto the field in their postseason game against Minnesota State–Mankato.

Glory on the Gridiron, the Court, and the Great Outdoors

Fall Sports Teams Charge INTO POSTSEASON

CHARGER FANS won't soon forget the fall of 2009. The football, volleyball, and cross-country teams enjoyed unparalleled success and national rankings that brought honor to the College and elevated school spirit among students and alumni.

The Hillsdale College football team had much to celebrate at the end-of-the-season banquet—a 9-2 record (8-2 in the conference), finishing with a five-game winning streak, being nationally ranked in the top 25, Coach

Keith Otterbein earning his 100th career win and being named GLIAC Coach of the Year, and, of course, the phenomenal defeat of #1 Grand Valley State University at Homecoming. Earning its first-ever NCAA Division II playoff

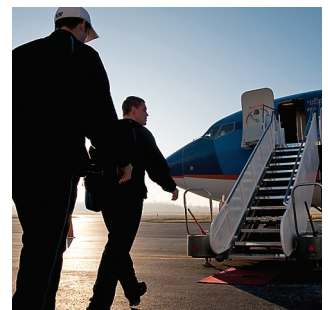
berth was the icing on the cake. Hillsdale's football team has not played in a postseason since 1988, when it competed in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Hillsdale joined NCAA Division II in 1992.

Hillsdale earned the sixth-place spot in the Super Region 3 final rankings. On November 14, the Chargers took on No. 3 seed Minnesota State University–Mankato, in the first round of post-

season play. In a thrilling overtime victory, Hillsdale emerged victorious, 27-24. With that win, Hillsdale advanced to the next round against Grand Valley State University. Unfortunately, the Lakers dominated in this rematch, defeating Hillsdale 44-27. Busloads of students attended both postseason games, providing a boost to the players. Junior Troy Weatherhead set a school record for completions in a game with 36, breaking a record set in



Hillsdale students cheer on the Chargers against Grand Valley.



The football team boards a plane for their first playoff game.



Volleyball Head Coach Chris Gravel discusses strategy with his players.



Junior Sydney Dow was named GLIAC Libero of the Year.

2007 by Mark Nicolet, '08.

Five Chargers were named First-Team All-GLIAC on offense: seniors Vinnie Panizzi, A.J. Kegg, Jared Veldheer and Mark Petro, and junior Andre Holmes. Senior Drew Berube was Hillsdale's only First-Team All-GLIAC selection. Five players earned Second-Team All-GLIAC honors, led by Troy Weatherhead, the conference leader in completions and passing yards. Joining Weatherhead on the Second Team are seniors Matt Patillo and Eric Schweller, junior Phil Doerfler, and sophomore

Nick Hixson.

Meanwhile, on the volleyball court, the Lady Chargers clinched the GLIAC South Division championship title for the third time in the last four years. Hillsdale entered the GLIAC tournament as the top seed and sailed to the first GLIAC Championship in Hillsdale volleyball history. Head Coach Chris Gravel was also named GLIAC Coach of the Year for the third time in his career. The team earned a spot in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Tournament. After defeating

Northern Michigan University in the first round, Hillsdale lost to the University of Indianapolis, ending a phenomenal season with a record of 24-8. This marks the volleyball team's fifth trip to the postseason in six years, and the second time in three years that the University of Indianapolis has knocked Hillsdale out of post-season play. Sophomores Ashlee Crowder and Clara Leutheuser were named to the All-Tournament Team following the regional final.

Many players earned conference honors as well.

Junior Sydney Dow was named GLIAC Libero of the Year, the first time a Lady Charger has received that honor. Leutheuser and Crowder were each named First-Team All-GLIAC. Dow and sophomore setter Apryl Schmucker earned spots on the Second-Team All-GLIAC, while sophomore Brogan Wells was named honorable mention All-GLIAC.

Both men's and women's cross-country teams finished in third place in the GLIAC championships. The women's team was ranked as high as 19th in the nation

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Ashley Quick set a school record at the NCAA Division II cross-country championships and was named an All-American.

Fantastic Fall

- First NCAA Division II playoff berth for football
- Volleyball team wins GLIAC Championship
- Coaches Keith Otterbein and Chris Gravel both named GLIAC Coach of the Year
- Ashley Quick becomes Hillsdale's first All-American in women's cross-country



Shooting Sports at New Firearms Education Facility

Learning about the SECOND AMENDMENT

WISPS OF CIRRUS CLOUD stretched across an otherwise pristine sky on a bright Saturday morning. A handful of College staff and instructors lounged in the shade of an open-air shelter, awaiting the arrival of students and guests at the Hillsdale College Firearms Education Facility. The event marked the first time this new facility

was opened to the student body and community at large; by afternoon's end, around 100 students, staff, and local citizens had come by. The first shuttles from campus, kicking up dust on the gravel drive, arrived nearly half an hour later than the 11:00 start time. But the day had a decidedly relaxed atmosphere, and

the schedule of events soon began with Devon Harris, a decorated shotgunner and ambassador for Federal Ammunition, putting on an impressive demonstration on one of the American Trap ranges—25 clay targets, 25 shots, 25 orange ceramic explosions. Though he modestly attributed half of

his success to “good luck,” there were few who believed him. As Harris concluded his exhibition by explaining the fundamentals of his sport, the audience listened attentively, for their turn came next: All guests were invited, regardless of experience, to test their own skill on any of the four trap ranges. For the next few hours, sharp cracks, sometimes followed by “oohs” and “aahs,” resounded across the sloping, still-green fields.

This event, held on September 19, were had been scheduled in close conjunction with Constitution Day (September 17), and demonstrated the purpose and potential of the College's newest facility. Purchased in the spring of 2006, the 77-acre range exists, as the name declares, to educate students and

community members in shooting sports and the Second Amendment—Assistant Professor of History Dr. David Raney had held a seminar on the Second Amendment for students back on campus to begin the day's schedule.

The Hillsdale College Firearms Education Facility first became operational during the spring 2009 semester, when a “Basic Shotgun” course was offered through the Physical Education Department. Though classes met on Saturday morning, the course quickly became popular, and instructors were forced to open another section of the class to accommodate student interest. After an introductory session of classroom instruction, class members make the five-mile drive to the range each

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A Spanish Odyssey

Melissa Bartlett's Yearlong Journey of Professional Volleyball in Europe



Melissa Bartlett (left) played professional volleyball in Spain last year.

MELISSA BARTLETT, '08, is a multi-national athlete: born and raised in Canada, she gained honors playing volleyball in the United States and just returned from playing professionally in Spain. Bartlett spent last year playing for A.D. Algar Surmenor near the Spanish town of Cartagena. She helped lead her team to a successful season, and as a result, could be playing at an upper-level professional league next year.

Bartlett got accustomed to traveling and volleyball at a young age, earning a spot on Canada's Junior Olympic team before graduating from Kent Secondary School near Chatham, Ontario. As a prep athlete, she drew the attention of Chargers' head volleyball coach Chris Gravel, who recruited her to come to Hillsdale. Bartlett eventually settled on

Division I Eastern Michigan University, where she was a productive player for the Eagles in 2004 and 2005.

But after two seasons at EMU, Bartlett sought a new environment to continue her playing career. Remembering her attraction to Hillsdale's campus, academic offerings, and the friendliness of the players

and coaching staff, she signed to play for Hillsdale in the spring of 2006.

Upon arriving at Hillsdale, Bartlett achieved a new level of personal and team success. She led the 2006 team in kills with 411, helping the Chargers to a 29-2 record and a national ranking as high as third. In 2007, Bartlett racked up 635 kills and was named Division II First-Team All-American. Gravel knew right away that Bartlett had the talent to play professionally.

"I have been fortunate enough to coach in Spain,

France and Italy, and I knew she had the talent and experience to be successful," Gravel said. "Her playing style is one that I knew would translate well into the kind of volleyball they play overseas."

"On the court in our matches, the level of play was very similar (to Hillsdale), and I can honestly say we trained a lot harder at Hillsdale than the laid-back style I experienced in Spain," she said. "Also, acquiring the international playing experience I did with

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CHARGER ATHLETIC CLUB

THE CHARGER Athletic

Club (CAC) was recently established to provide additional resources for the Hillsdale College athletic program, thereby enabling the College's athletic teams to continue a tradition of competitive success coupled with academic excellence. With this support, the Hillsdale program can continue to be a model for the best in intercollegiate athletics. The CAC will operate as the primary fundraising arm of the athletic program, providing for immediate needs as well as building an endowment. Additionally, the CAC will provide funds for facility improvements and development.



The annual fundraising goal for the Charger Athletic Club is \$1 million. Different levels of membership offer benefits such as family admission to all regular season home athletic events and preferred seating at home games. Please visit the Athletic Department's home page

at hillsdale.edu/athletics and click "Charger Athletic Club" to learn more about membership details.

By joining the Charger Athletic Club, you will help ensure the future of Hillsdale's athletic program and reward Hillsdale's dedicated students and coaches with the resources they need to become the very best in NCAA Division II athletics. Please consider becoming a charter member this year with any gift amount. To speak with a member of the Athletic Department, please call (517) 607-3130.

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News

1930s



ELIZABETH "BUFF" McDONALD WALKE, '33, CO, celebrated her 100th birthday on May 24, 2009. Buff wishes all to know that she is in good health

and can still touch the palms of her hands on the floor. She lives with her daughter, Sali Walke, and divides her time between homes in Saco, Maine, and Palm Coast, Florida. Buff grew up in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and received her early education there and in Boston, Massachusetts.

At Hillsdale, Buff majored in languages—English, French and German—in preparation for a career in teaching. She was (and continues to be) a member of the Chi Omega sorority, serving a term as secretary. She has always appreciated the quality education she received at Hillsdale and has fond memories of the College's friendly atmosphere, the campus, long walks in its environs, and the movie theater in town.

Following graduation from Hillsdale, she became an elementary school teacher, teaching first in Big Island, Virginia, then in Mount Jackson, Virginia, and later in Alexandria, Virginia. She married Commander Richard Walke, United States Navy, of New York City, in 1945. Residing in Alexandria, they had one child, Sali, after which Buff retired from teaching. Widowed in 1960, Buff continued to reside in Alexandria until 1978, at which time she moved to Maine.

Buff's favorite pastimes have included enjoying Maine, particularly Ocean Park (founded originally as a retreat for Free Baptist preachers) where she often spent the summer at her grandparents' cottage, and traveling to different places in the Americas and Europe.

Buff's family has a long association with Hillsdale and with its Free Baptist background. Her grandfather, Dr. George Frank Mosher of Maine, was president of the College from 1886 to 1901. Prior to serving as president, he had served as a diplomat (consul to Nice, France and Sonneburg, Germany), a newspaperman and a politician. According to the College's Web site, "Mosher's years as president were

a period of particularly high academic achievement. Hillsdale was widely known as one of the strongest small colleges in the Midwest. Mosher, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Bowdoin College, was the first Hillsdale president who was not an ordained minister. His most pressing problem was to keep enlarging the endowment."

Her mother, **DR. ELIZABETH MOSHER McDONALD** (daughter of Dr. Mosher), and her father, **DR. HENRY T. McDONALD**, both graduated in the Class of 1897. Both inspired Buff with their teaching and leadership at Storer College in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, a school founded by Free Baptists immediately following the Civil War to educate African-American teachers (closed in 1955). Her mother taught languages, while her father served as president from 1899 to 1944. (Dr. Henry McDonald also was a leader in the effort that led to the establishment of Harpers Ferry National Park.)

Her aunt, **DR. ALFRIEDA MARIAN MOSHER** of Boston, Massachusetts, received from Hillsdale an A.M. in 1897 and L.H.D. in 1900. She was the head of the International Department of the Young Women's Christian Association in Boston (1905 to 1926), secretary of the International Institute in Boston, and editor of the *International Beacon* (1926 to 1961). Her international work was recognized by foreign governments and international organizations.

Her sister, **MARIAN McDONALD DURKEE** (deceased) of Alexandria, Virginia, graduated in the Class of 1932. Her great-nephew, **ARTHUR ALLEN** of Wallingford, Connecticut, graduated in the Class of 1976. Buff would love to hear from classmates and friends. Her addresses are: 356 Ferry Road, Saco, ME 04072, and 50 Osprey Circle, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

1950s

JOAN HAYNES HANSEN, '50, just signed a contract with a publisher for her second novel, *Bitter Tears*, which will be coming out early in 2010. Her first novel, a historical fiction work titled *100 Years in Miami—Betrayal Under the Palms*, was released in 2008. She has been busy doing book signings and book reviews in addition to completing her second novel. E-mail: joanhansen@surewest.net

JOHN HOHMAN, '54, retired in May 2009 as chairman of the board of trustees of Northwood University. He remains on the board as chairman emeritus and chair of the compensation committee. He and his wife, **MARJORIE MCINTYRE HOHMAN, '56**, spend their summers in Michigan at Sand Point and winters in Stuart, Florida. They have four children and 11 grandchildren. John also received the Tower Award from Hillsdale College. They are members of The President's Club.

KATHY KENDALL attended Hillsdale College from 1954 to 1956. She finished her education at Eastern Michigan University in 1961. She became a teacher and taught in the elementary grades for over 25 years. She continued as a substitute teacher after her retirement. Kathy's traveling feet took her to the states of California, Oregon and Washington, as well as a Russian village in Alaska where she taught. She also lived in Guadalajara, Mexico, for a time while she received teaching credits needed to complete her California teaching certificate. She has been widowed twice and is currently living at 4000 Flynn Street #4, Bellingham, WA 98229, with her fourth husband. They enjoy a mutual love of camping, mostly on the Oregon coast. This past January, Kathy completed a booklet titled, "Breaking the Chains of Abuse... through the POWER of Love and Hope."



HIRA and JOANNE BENZIN HERRINGTON, '55, '58, have been married for 50 years. They

have lived in Reading, Lansing, and Fraser. Joanne was a stay-at-home mom doing volunteer work in elementary schools plus substitute teaching when their sons were in school. They have three sons: Hira, a college professor teaching computer courses; Dave, a CPA partner in a firm; and Ken, an attorney. They also have three granddaughters. Joanne and Hira have a cottage on Lake Huron. They have enjoyed traveling to Hawaii and Alaska, and have traveled with their church group to Italy, the Scandinavian countries, Russia, Austria, Germany and Switzerland. They also enjoy family vacations at Disney World and Frankenmuth.

JUDITH CRANE ROSS, '56, writes that her grandson, Andrew Oury, won appointment to the Air Force Academy upon his graduation from high school in June 2009. His mother is **DEBBY ROSS OURY, '82**. Andrew is carrying on the military tradition of his uncle, Captain **PETER ROSS, '81**, United States Navy; and his great-uncles, Lieutenant **GEORGE CRANE, '58**, United States Marine Corps; Corporal

PHILIP CRANE, '52, United States Army; and Captains **DAN CRANE, '58** and **DAVE CRANE, '58**, United States Army. This fall the third generation of Cranes began at Hillsdale College. Judith's husband, Andrew, age 82, continues to work four days a week.

1960s

JERRY PETERSON, '61, ATO, and his wife, Pat, recently lost their son, Todd, to melanoma cancer. A memorial service was held July 24, 2009, in Battle Creek. Todd was an outstanding artist and musician who traveled throughout the United States with these God-given talents. E-mail: j5pete@aol.com



MARIAN WILLBUR HERRIMAN, '62, PBP, came to campus in June with several of her friends. In the photo is: Lu Buell

Anderson; **JACKIE FIELD BURNS, '60**; Susie Myers O'Neil; **DOROTHY LINDSEY WASHBURN, '63**; **MARIAN WILLBUR HERRIMAN, '62**; Judy Knight Brown; and **CAROL CRISSMAN ARDIS, '63**. They all started at Hillsdale 50 years ago, all lived in the Mauck Hall penthouse, and all pledged Pi Beta Phi.

RICHARD WARFEL, '62, has a new address: 1785 Grosvenor Circle, Unit A, Wheaton, IL 60189. E-mail: lauriewarfel@sbcglobal.net

LOYD BOND, '64, retired in September 2008 from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in Sanford, California, where he was a senior scholar. Although formally retired, he still consults with several research organizations, testing companies, and school districts on educational assessment issues. Recently, the Chicago International Charter School in the Altgeld Gardens neighborhood named its school after him. He and his wife, Jody, split their time between Los Altos, California, and Greensboro, North Carolina, where Jody runs a counseling business. E-mail: bbc_bond@yahoo.com

DAVID PRINGLE, '65, is the president of Luminy Systems Corporation in Hollywood, California. His twins, Jason and Lisa, are now one year old. E-mail: dpringle1@aol.com

LEWIS MUNN, '66, recently completed a missionary trip to Burundi, Africa, where he helped to install an FM radio station for Hope Africa University in Bojumbura, the capital. Preliminary reports are that there is great coverage.

JAMES STALLINGS, '68, retired in 2003 after 36 years of teaching and coaching. He was elected to the Trenton Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.

1970s

PETER FRANCIS, '70, ATO, is principal and founder of Clinical Laboratory Sales Training, LLC. He is the author of over a dozen published articles and publishes his own bi-monthly newsletter. He is a widely sought speaker at industry conferences and webinars. Web site: clinlabsales.com



TIMOTHY WOOD, '72, retired as superintendent of Saugatuck Public Schools to accept a position with Grand Valley State University. He serves

as the special assistant to the president for charter schools. GVSU authorizes 33 charter schools and serves over 16,000 students throughout the state. Tim received an M.A. from Central Michigan University and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University; both degrees are in educational administration. His son Greg is a Michigan State graduate, and daughter Ashley holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan. Both children live in Chicago. Tim resides with his wife Wendy at 201 Maple Street, Saugatuck, MI 49453. E-mail: woodth@gvsu.edu

THEODORE HELLMUTH, '74, and his wife Betsy have lived in Moreland Hills for 25 years. They have three children. Katie and her husband live in New York City where she is a Web site designer; TJ and his wife reside in Columbus, Ohio, where he is in the film industry; and Kimberly is currently in Argentina teaching English as a second language. E-mail: ebhellmuth@aol.com and thellmuth@boydwatterson.com

TOM KLIX, '75, welcomed a second granddaughter, Kiera, born in September 2009. She joins a long line of other ladies in his family, including three daughters, two sisters and his 92-year-old mother. E-mail: tsklx@gmail.com

STEVEN PEFFERS, '76, is completing his first year as an ISO/RESA superintendent following five years as a local district superintendent. His wife Joni is a school

counselor and social worker. Their three daughters are all doing very well—two are married. They also have five grandchildren. E-mail: speffers@chartermi.net

STEVE and LISA SPEER TILLE, '75, DTD; '77, CO, and their daughters, Jennifer and Katie, enjoyed a week in Annapolis with **JOHN and SUE GARNER NEELY, '74, DTD; '74, CO,** this August. While in Annapolis, the Tilles and Neelys attended a wedding and enjoyed the Chesapeake aboard the Neelys' yacht. The Neelys hosted a dinner at the Annapolis Yacht Club, and much of the

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holiday was spent at Pussers "catching up" and planning the next get-together. E-mail: ltille@comcast.net

1980s

JOHN KRUEGER, '80, attended SummerSong at the University of Notre Dame's Center for the Liturgy this summer. He was one of 50 people nationwide selected to participate in this program. John continues to work as music director at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas, and sings with his son in the Sons of Orpheus, a professional men's choir.

JOHN KRUEGER, '80, KAREN WILKIN POWERS, '80, and TIM PHARES, '81, along with family members, had a mini-reunion on August 7, 2009, at Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts for a performance of *La Bohème*. The weather held, the performance was good, and a great time was had by all.



RICHARD LAIBLE, '81, PSE, is celebrating the ten-year anniversary of opening Laible Productions, Inc., a company that specializes

in making corporate events more fun. Richard is a professional corporate emcee, trade show presenter, and writer for Fortune 500 companies. His clients include such respected organizations as SAP, Honeywell, Lincoln Financial, Sara Lee, Abbott, Cisco, Kellogg's, Fisher-Price and countless others. His company Web site is www.RichardLaible.com. Richard lives in Winnetka, Illinois, with his wife of 17 years, Kate; their son Harrison, age 11; and their daughter Lauren, age 9. E-mail: Richard@RichardLaible.com



LORI HEIGER, '83, received her ten-year recognition pin from Alamance Community College in August 2009 for service to the College

and the community. Combined with her nine years at York Technical College in South Carolina and her adjunct work at several other colleges, she has been teaching college-level psychology and sociology for over 20 years. Lori has also begun a new adventure as the advisor to the newly minted music dance club of Alamance Community College. For all her Sigma Alpha Iota friends, this is her official return to the college music world. She earned her brown belt in Aikido this past summer and has been married to her husband,

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Bruce, for 16 years. They share their home with their four-legged "children," Max the dog and Bogey the cat. E-mail: heigerl@alamancecc.edu



DAWN REQUET STEGELMANN, '83, KKG, was ordained to the priesthood on

February 7, 2009. Assisting in the service were husband **MURRY STEGELMANN, '84, SC,** and their three sons—**KURT, '10, SC,** age 21; Grant, age 18; and Seth, age 16. Also attending was **KELLY-ANNE PECK, '85, KKG.** Dawn has been serving as curate at Trinity Episcopal Church in Southport, Connecticut, since graduating from Yale Divinity School in May 2008 with a master of divinity degree. Murry has run Kilimanjaro Advisors, LLC since 2003. For three years he also has served as chairman of the Darien Board of Finance. The family resides at 31 Briar Brae Road, Darien, CT 06820. E-mail: DarienDawn@aol.com

MARK HEUSSNER, '85, currently volunteers at a senior center in Montrose while he prepares for the job market. He also has two wonderful children.



BILL FISK, '86, was recently appointed as managing director for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in East Lansing. After Hillsdale,

Bill received his M.B.A. in finance from Loyola University of Chicago. He is married to Renee and has three children, William, Peter and Haley. E-mail: bill.fisk@nmfn.com

STEVEN DICKINSON, '88, has relocated to North Carolina where he is teaching civics/economics and psychology. He is living in the Research Triangle area. E-mail: steve91784@yahoo.com



GREG MCLOGAN, '88, has recently joined the WilliamCharles Search Group, a Grand Rapids-based team that delivers specialized,

professional and executive-level retained and contingency search services in a number of disciplines. In his new role, Greg will continue to work with companies to search for and place professionals in areas including accounting, banking, financial services and human resources. E-mail: mclogan@william-charles.com

BRIAN FLEETMAN, '89, was selected for inclusion in the 2010 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the specialty of health care law. He continues to practice at Law Weathers in Grand Rapids, where he is the head of the health law practice group. E-mail: onegameseason@charter.net

JOSEPH SIMON, '89, has moved. He now lives at 439 Ilimano Street, Kailua, HI 96734.

take place in early February 2010. He owns two Servpro fire and water cleanup and restoration franchises. Tom and his wife Bethany have two children, Tyler, age 3, and Susanna, age 1. Follow his campaign at www.Morrison2010.com. E-mail: trm1500@yahoo.com

CAMILLE VAN BUREN GABEL, '98, has a new address. It is 9303 Gilcrease Avenue, #1098, Las Vegas, NV 89149. E-mail: camillegabel@yahoo.com

DAN LENNINGTON, '98, was sworn in as Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma on June 1, 2009. He will defend and prosecute civil actions on behalf of the United States. Dan is married to **KATE STRECK LENNINGTON, '00**. They live in Edmond, Oklahoma, and have two boys, Henry, age 6, and James, age 2. They are expecting their third child in December. The family resides at 412 Butterfield Trail, Edmond, OK 73003. E-mail: dlennington@gmail.com

ANN PICKARD OVERY, '98, recently moved to Boise, Idaho, to join a pediatric practice, Primary Health Medical Group. She has been practicing pediatrics for one year and is married to Ted Overy. E-mail: ann.overy@phmgidaho.com

NICHOLAS CIOFANI, '02, was unanimously appointed by the Streetsboro, Ohio, city council to finish the at-large council term of acting mayor Art Scott. Nicholas, who has served on the zoning board since 2005, currently works as a district outreach representative for U.S. Congressman Steven LaTourette and is the supervisor of his Twinsburg office. E-mail: nciofani@gmail.com

THERESA CATEN PETERS, '02, and her husband Nicholas have moved. Their new address is 9927 Hughes Avenue, Laurel, MD 20723. E-mail: tessmarie6@yahoo.com



TERAH MALETTE, '04, KKG, graduated from Georgetown University School of

Medicine in Washington, D.C., in May 2008. She received the honors of Alpha Omega Alpha *magna cum laude*. She is completing her residency training in otolaryngology, head and neck surgery (ears, nose and throat) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Terah was also married in June 2009. She resides at 900 Farnam Street, #305, Omaha, NE 68102. E-mail: terah.malette@gmail.com

1990s

DAN PRESSLER, '94, has a new e-mail address. It is now coalcardan@gmail.com

MAGGIE ROCHE MURPHY, '95, recorded her first CD, *Reflections from the Journey*, a music sampler. This project is comprised of personal favorites from a lifetime, including "Frankie and Johnny," "Silver Dagger" and "Wildwood Flower." Maggie will present a concert on December 19, 2009, at the Open House/Concert at the Broad Street Market in Hillsdale. Her CD will also be available for purchase there as well as at the State Grounds Coffee House in Hastings. Online information is available for mail orders beginning December 5 at maggiemurphy.wordpress.com

CHRISTOPHER and **ALI LODICO MINK, '96, SC; '97, KKG**, have moved. Their new address is 845 Tierra Drive, Billings, MT 59105. E-mail: alison.mink@gmail.com



TOM MORRISON, '97, is running for state representative for the Illinois House District 54, located in the northwest suburbs of

Chicago. The Republican primary will

2000s

EMILY CROOKSTON, '01, completed an M.A. in philosophy from Boston College in 2003 and moved to Saint Louis, Missouri, where she has been doing additional graduate work at Washington University. In July 2009, she successfully defended her dissertation (John Locke on Obligation: Sensation, Reflection and the Natural Duty of Consent) and received her doctorate. She lives in North Carolina where she is a visiting assistant professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill for the 2009-2010 school year. E-mail: emcrooks@email.unc.edu

KRISTEN IRWIN, '01, recently finished the doctoral program in philosophy at the University of California, San Diego, and will defend her Ph.D. dissertation in December 2009. On July 4, 2009, she married David Diependbrock, a 2002 graduate of Arizona State University and a software engineer for The Boeing Company. She is currently a tenure-track assistant professor of philosophy at Biola University in La Mirada, California. E-mail: KAIrwin@alumni.hillsdale.edu

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SARAH PEHLKE, '04, received her doctor of pharmacy degree from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy on June 14, 2009. Sarah also participated in a doctoral convocation and hooding ceremony. All events were held in Columbus, Ohio. Sarah began a clinical residency in July at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



CALEB DAVIS, '05, graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine on June 2, 2009, with a doctor of medicine degree. Caleb began a residency in emergency medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. E-mail: cmdbass@gmail.com

ROYCE ALEXANDER LIGHT, '05, recently earned his master of science degree in financial management from the University of London. Royce is a commodities trader and resides in Arizona.



SAM OLSON, '05, has joined Invescor, Ltd. as an account executive. He brings over four years of insurance and financial planning

experience to Invescor, and is responsible for working with insurance and financial professionals on a national level in servicing

life settlement clients. He also networks with local agents, agencies, and broker dealers to increase Invescor's presence in the local life settlement marketplace. Sam is an active member of Motor City Connect and both the Birmingham-Bloomfield and Redford Chambers of Commerce. He also sits on the board of directors of the Redford American Little League, where he serves as secretary.

ADAM and ANDREA SMALL ZWIEBEL, '05, '06, have moved. Their new address is 215 Northcrest Avenue, Huntington, IN 46750. E-mail: az@honeywellcenter.org

KATE GOODRICH, '06, has been working for a year as a registered nurse at Akron General Hospital in Akron, Ohio. She received her BSN from the University of Akron in May 2008 after attending an accelerated nursing program. E-mail: krg783@gmail.com

EMILY JACOBS, '07, has moved. Her new address is 7596 Lakeside Village Drive, Apt. C, Falls Church, VA 22042. E-mail: emjwriter@gmail.com



JEREMY URBAN, '07, has been promoted from 2nd Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant due to his valor and competence. Lieutenant Urban is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he

serves as a platoon leader in Bravo Battery, 2nd of the 32nd Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. Jeremy will deploy with the 4th Brigade (Dragon Brigade) Combat Team. They plan to deploy for 12 months to Iraq before the end of the year. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army in January 2008. E-mail: jayurban@live.com

NICK SPOLTMAN, '08, is an AmeriCorps Vista (Volunteer in Service to America) for the American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana, working as a resource development and marketing associate. E-mail: spoltmann@usa.redcross.org

KATIE MUSTAZZA, '09, resides at 1255 South State Street, Unit 1618, Chicago, IL 60605. E-mail: kmustazza@gmail.com

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Hillsdale—when we took our trip to Brazil in 2006—helped prepare me for this experience.”

The summer after graduating, Bartlett got in touch with several professional teams in Europe, and decided to make the leap “across the pond” to continue her playing career.

“I knew I wanted to play in Spain, so through a friend who previously played there, I made contact with various teams in Spain,” Bartlett said. Her knowledge of the language was limited

before she moved to Spain. However, one of her roommates there was another college volleyball player, Katie Steffens, who played at the University of New Hampshire. Having already played a season in Europe before linking up with Bartlett, Steffens understood some of the challenges Bartlett faced and helped her adjust to a new culture.

The off-the-court adjustments Bartlett had to make were certainly more challenging than those she faced on the court. A powerful player with

excellent leaping ability, Bartlett slid into her team’s starting middle hitter position with ease, becoming one of the team’s highest point-producing players in her first season. A.D. Algar Surmenor went 14-2 during the regular season in the Liga FEV league, which qualified the team for a higher level of playoffs, where it unfortunately lost five of the six matches it played.

Bartlett returned to the United States this summer. As far as the future goes, it is leading back to where she had her greatest success as a player—Hillsdale College. She and Gravel have often

discussed teaching and coaching in the future, and the first step in that direction will be with the Chargers this year as a student assistant coach while she pursues her teaching certificate.

“Watching her work with kids at our camps led me to believe that Melissa would make an excellent teacher and coach,” Gravel said.

Melissa Bartlett’s odyssey in Europe could be described as an extended vacation, but one of the best parts of a vacation is coming home. By rejoining the Charger volleyball program in 2009, Bartlett is home.

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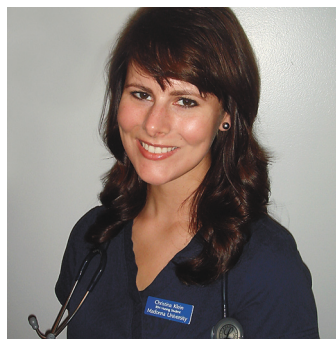
Jessica Mitsch's Legacy

ASK MANY of the students and alumni of Hillsdale College, and they'll be sure to tell you what a positive impact the close, communal character of the campus had on their education. Christina Klein, '07, continues to feel that impact years after graduation, having received a scholarship dedicated to Jessica Mitsch, '04.

Mitsch graduated from Hillsdale with a degree in sociology and a minor in psychology, and began pursuing a second degree in nursing at Madonna University, where her mother, Mary Mitsch, is a professor. When Jessica passed away in an accident in the spring of 2006, her family, remembering her financial difficulties as she sought her second degree, created a scholarship at Madonna University in her memory. The scholarship has no grade-point average or financial requirements; the stipulations require only that the student pursue a second degree in nursing, and candidates are evaluated on their passion, joy and desire to contribute to society. This past year, the scholarship was awarded to Klein, and serving on the selection committee was Carolynn Branchick, '04, a classmate and sorority sister of Mitsch. All involved in the selection process were thrilled that a Hillsdale alumna is carrying on Jessica's legacy at Madonna.

Klein was not aware of the connection to Hillsdale when she applied for the award. It was only when she began attending classes at Madonna and had Mary Mitsch as a professor that she realized the relationship between her scholarship and her alma mater. Mary Mitsch talked about her daughter in her classes, and Klein continues to be touched by how much the Mitsch family is doing to make sure that Jessica's life has a positive impact.

The similarities between Klein and Jessica Mitsch's lives



Christina Klein, '07 [above] and Jessica Mitsch, '04 [upper right]

are striking. Both grew up in Plymouth, Michigan, and went on to attend Hillsdale College. While at Hillsdale, both participated in Greek life, where Klein was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Jessica belonged to Chi Omega. After graduation, both worked at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and attended

classes at Madonna University.

Both Klein and Jessica's mother speak fondly of Hillsdale College. Klein praised the school for providing a liberal arts education, and focusing not only on the mind, but also on the heart. "I wouldn't be the person I am today without Hillsdale," she said. Mary Mitsch recalled the support she received from the Hillsdale community after Jessica's death. Several Hillsdale professors attended her funeral, and many of Jessica's Chi Omega sisters still send flowers and cards every Mother's Day. "People from Hillsdale connect in a very real way," Professor Mitsch said. "They stand together in times of great joy as well as those of great suffering."

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As Klein continues pursuing her nursing degree, working toward a career as an acute care nurse practitioner, her connection to Hillsdale seems to surround her, and she feels deeply appreciative of her time there. And for her part, Professor Mitsch takes comfort that a piece of Hillsdale is now at Madonna.

The Hillsdale connection runs deep indeed.

■ KATE MARTIN, '10

Weddings

1970s

ANNE LAFRANCE, '70, married Jim Galindo on July 29, 2006, in Woodland, California. She retired from teaching seventh grade English in Holland, Ohio, in 2002. She currently teaches English part-time at Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio. Her granddaughter, Jaylee Anne Bernath, was born December 17, 2007, to son Nick, and they live in Toledo, Ohio. Anne and Jim live in Fostoria, Ohio. E-mail: bluesacg@yahoo.com

1990s

SARAH DAGGETT, '98, married Rob Cucheran in Marco Island, Florida, on March 28, 2008. In attendance were **KATIE KENNEDY HARTMAN, '97**; **INGRID FLOIT, '98**; and **TIM DAGGETT, '01**. The couple resides in Rochester and had their first child in February 2009. E-mail: sarah_daggett@yahoo.com



JAMES MALLINSON, '98, received his M.F.A. in theatre management from Florida State University in May 2004. He completed his

master's degree with an internship with the National Academic Dramatic Theatre named for Yakub Kolas in Vitsyebsk, Belarus, and he arranged its first tour to the United States in the autumn of 2005. On November 19, 2005, he married Yuliya Bogdanova in Kalamazoo. The ceremony was performed by **DANIEL GUAGENTI, '99**, and **JOSHUA MERCER, '99**, and **MARIUS PAULIKAS, '99**, were in attendance. After over four years in Chicago, James is now operations manager for Herbert Berghof Studio in New York City and resides with Yuliya in Queens, New York. He encourages fellow alums to make contact through Facebook. E-mail: xenophonjones@hotmail.com



BRANDY WARREN, '99, PBP, married Periklis Beltas on August 23, 2008, at Pantokratoras

Church in Periklis' hometown of Patras, Greece. The reception followed later that evening with the couple surrounded by family and friends. Periklis is a senior software architect at Premier Radio

Networks. He is also completing a master's degree in financial mathematics at the University of Southern California, where he also holds master's degrees in geophysics and electrical engineering. Brandy resigned from her research and policy position with Congressman Sherman's office to continue her legal career. After returning from Greece, Brandy began working at the Public Defender's Office for the County of Los Angeles to provide a voice to the voiceless. The couple's wedding photos are available at www.pbase.com/beltas/greek_wedding. They reside in Woodland Hills (Los Angeles), California. E-mail: brandywarren15@gmail.com

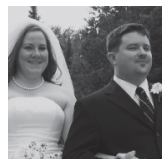
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CHAS CLAUS, '01, married **EMILY SAWYER, '03**, on November 22, 2008. Hillsdale graduates in the wedding party included the groom's

parents, **CHUCK** and **KERRY MURPHY CLAUS, '74, '74**; **TIM DAGGETT, '01**; **RUSSELL** and **GINA GLORIOSO RENDALL, '02, '02**; **MICHELLE SYBESMA, '04**; and **ANNA SAWYER, '10**. Other guests included **GRIGOR HASTED, '74**; **SARAH DAGGETT CUCHERAN, '98**; **KATY GNAEDINGER KOHLER, '00**; **JEREMY** and **CAITLIN NICHOLS LANTZ, '01, '05**; **JASON** and **HAVILAH LIVINGSTON SIEGMANN, '01, '04**; **DAN** and **LISA DUBOIS SIMPSON, '01, '02**; **MATT O'TOOLE, '02**; **JASON** and **JEN LEWIS BOON, '03, '03**; **JOSH** and **MICHELLE LANTZ COOLS, '03, '03**; **RICK LINGVAI, '03**; **KRISTIN CHILDS MCGEE, '04**; **AARON** and **NATALIA TOBAR PELTARI, '04, '04**; **SARAH ALLEN GRINDER, '05**; **JORDAN** and **MELISSA FAZEKAS IRISH, '05, '05**; **JENNIFER WALKER MORTIER, '08**; **ASHLEY BAUMANN, '11**; **VICTORIA BERGEN, '11**; and **KATIE WALKER, '11**. The newlyweds are living and teaching in Auburn Hills. E-mail: Chas79@hotmail.com and MrsChas@gmail.com

JESSICA ASPENSON, '02, married Michael M. Jordan on October 15, 2005. They have three children: Joseph, Hannah and Katharine, who was born on April 23, 2009. Michael works for his own construction business, Reformed Builders, and Jessica enjoys working at home with the children. They live in Green Isle, Minnesota. E-mail: jmaspenson@hotmail.com



CAROL BLANCHARD, '02, PBP, married Steven Stiffler on September 2, 2007,

in Lakefield. Hillsdale alumni in the wedding party included matron of honor **REBECCA BLANCHARD LONG, '99, PBP**; bridesmaid **LOUISE HENNE WOOD, '02**; and groomsman **KEN BLANCHARD, '04**. The Stiffles now reside in Overland Park, Kansas. E-mail: csstiffler@gmail.com



STEPHANIE INKS, '03, married Christopher Gillott on October 12, 2008, at Saint John's Church in Washington, D.C., 11 years after

meeting just a few miles away at a Young America's Foundation conference. Hillsdale friends in attendance included groomsman **JONATHAN PONDER, '12**; bridesmaids **ANNELI LUKAS, '03**; **CAITLIN WOODS COVEY, '03**; **GRETCHEN ROTH, '06**; and **TONIA KERNER, '11**; ceremony musician **DIANA HAVLIN, '03**; second photographer **NILES EMERICK, '03**; mothers of the flower girls, **THERESA SCHMIDT BRANCH, '03**; **CHRISTINA BRYANT LESTER, '03**; and other friends, **MADALYN ROTH, '04**; **BETHANY BOYD SLATER, '03**; **NATALIE KERNER, '12**; **CHRISTIANA MARTINEZ, '05**; Nancy Greene; and professor Donald Turner. The couple currently lives with their dog, Bauer, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where Chris is a senior advisor to Governor Bobby Jindal. Stephanie completed her J.D. at Georgetown University in May 2009, and after deferring an offer from a New York City firm, she spent the summer mentoring her favorite 15-year-old girl, Kaneisha. E-mail: sci2@law.georgetown.edu

BETH VANEVRY, '03, KKG, married Kevin June on June 30, 2007. The wedding ceremony was held at Kensington Community Church in Troy. Hillsdale alumni in attendance included **REBECCA BERG MANOR, '03, KKG**; **ELIZABETH SLOANE, '03, KKG**; **TIMOTHY** and **JENNIFER HOBSON HOFFMAN, '03, '02, KKG**; **AMY FOSTER STIRLING, '03, KKG**; and **JENNIFER FOSTER CRYST, '02, KKG**. Beth and Kevin honeymooned in Napa Valley, California. The couple resides in Grand Blanc. E-mail: bavanevery@hotmail.com

ERIN MAHAN, '05, married Nicholas Hasulak on February 15, 2009, in Gilbert, Arizona. They currently reside in Sunnyvale, California. Nicholas works for Neuropace, Inc., a medical device company where he is in charge of animal research and prototype development. Erin works for Roving Networks, a tech start-up company, as a marketing/sales assistant. They are enjoying their new home and church and are politically active members of the



Willing and Abel

Rebecca Schmidt Abel Brings Hope to Kidney Patients

HOW OFTEN does a bachelor of arts graduate with a major in English go on to pursue a medical career in nephrology as a kidney specialist? Rebecca Schmidt Abel is one such amazing woman.

Abel discovered Hillsdale on a visit with some high school friends and immediately concluded that this was the place for her. That fall, she threw herself into college life, joining Pi Beta Phi sorority her first semester. She thrived on the intellectual environment at Hillsdale and the close interaction between students and professors. While touring through Lane and Kendall classroom buildings during this year's Homecoming Weekend, she smiled as her husband, a University of Michigan graduate, asked her what such a small room is for.

"It is a classroom," she answered.

"Where does everybody sit?"

"This is everybody."

Abel remembers sitting in the Leonard Read Room, just off the library in her English classes, caught up in close and careful debate. "I learned to think for myself here," she recalled.

After graduating in 1977, Abel spent two years as a health reporter in Colorado Springs before heading to the University of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa,



Rebecca Schmidt Abel, '77

for medical school. She finished her residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and has worked at the University of West Virginia Hospital, where she is now a tenured professor of medicine, since 1993.

When she entered the medical field, Abel knew

she wanted to work consistently with the same patients. She has found a close community among those with chronic kidney diseases in her dialysis unit. She has also worked throughout the state of West Virginia to decentralize the kidney medical centers, to make dialysis units more accessible to those living in rural areas, and to increase kidney disease prevention.

Abel has lectured across the United States, published widely, and received a number of awards, including the National Kidney Foundation of the Alleghenies Gift of Life Award and a fellowship with the American Society of Nephrology. In 2003, she returned to Hillsdale College to receive an Alumni Achievement Award.

Despite these honors, Abel finds her greatest delight watching younger doctors teach others the things that she first taught them. "I am really lucky. It is my honor to take care of people," she said. "You should do something with your life that you like doing while doing it—not just at the end of the day." ■ BETSY PETERS, '10

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during the fall season. Junior Ashley Quick competed at the NCAA Division II cross-country championships, qualifying for the national meet with her ninth-place finish at the regional meet. She lived up to her name, becoming Hillsdale's first

female cross-country All-American and setting a school record with her time of 21:55.4.

For more detailed results of the 2009 fall sports season, visit hillsdale.edu/athletics. ■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, '95



Senior wide receiver A.J. Keggs pulls in a spectacular catch against Grand Valley during the Division II playoffs.

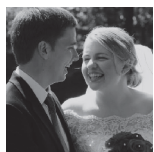
Campaign for Liberty and the John Birch Society. E-mail: erinhasulak@gmail.com



ALLISON RICH, '05, **PBP**, and Michael DeYoung, a 2006 Hope College graduate, celebrated their marriage with family and friends on July 26, 2008, at Windmill Island in their hometown of Holland, Michigan. Hillsdale alumni in the wedding party included maid of honor **ERIN MAHAN**, '05, **PBP**; and bridesmaids **CINDY CERQUITELLA**, '06, **PBP**; and **JODI WESTRICK**, '06, **PBP**. Other Hillsdale friends who made the trip to Holland included **KRISTEN ADLER**, '05, **PBP**; **BRISTEN BRICKLES**, '06, **PBP**; **LAURA DEVINE**, '06, **PBP**; **JUDY RAINIER**, '06, **PBP**; **JEN MARMO**, '05; **ANDY MCPHILLIPS**, '06, **SC**; **ZACHARY BOERSON**, '07, **SC**; **BLAIN ADAMS**, '07, **SC**; and **JONO SMITH**, '06, **SC**. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon on the Amtrak Empire Builder to Glacier National Park in Montana. Allison and Mike currently reside in Celebration, Florida, where Mike works at Orange Tree Country Club, and Allison is a middle school language arts and reading teacher at P.M. Wells Charter Academy, an Imagine school. E-mail: allison.rich@gmail.com

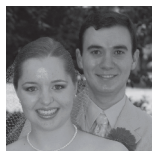
ABIGAIL DAUBENMIRE, '06, married **MORGAN ENGEMAN**, '06, on October 12, 2008. **KACI JAGUTIS SPIRITO**, '06, was her matron of honor, and **MATTHEW MOHR**, '07, was a groomsman. E-mail: aengeman@gmail.com

ANDREW "HARVY" JONES, '06, married Charity Lea Givens on June 28, 2009. Fellow alumni **JONATHAN GIBBONS**, '06; **LEE** and **AMBER BRIGGS NUNN**, '05, '03; **BOB GOLDING**, '03; and **ALEXIS BOYLAN**, '06, were in attendance. E-mail: a.harvy.jones@gmail.com



JENNIFER SCHWARZ, '06, married Adam Koontz on September 5, 2009. They were married at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania, where they met while Adam was a student at Swarthmore College. **JUDY RAINIER**, '06, **PBP**, was the maid of honor. Other Hillsdale attendees include **KATIE WALTER**, '06; **DAN** and **ROSELI VAN OPSTAL BURFIEND**, '08, '08; **MEGAN LACY**, '07; **ABIGAIL CLEVINGER**, '07; **DAVID LANDOW**, '08; **ERIN RAMSDELL**, '06; **LEE** and **KELLY HEINZ COLE**, '04, '02; and **JENNY FRENCH**, '08. Adam and Jen both work at the Intercollegiate Studies

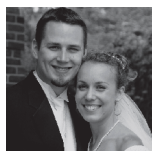
Institute in Wilmington, Delaware. E-mail: JenniferandAdamKoontz@gmail.com



SAMUEL GIST, '07, and **HANNAH CRESAP**, '07, were married on August 11, 2007, in Sacramento, California. The wedding party was comprised of **STEPHANIE JORDAN**, '06; **ABBIE MILLIGAN FANSLER**, '08; **ANNA LANKINA**, '07; and **JACOB DOUVIER**, '07. **MICHELLE YOUNGBLOOD**, '07, also attended. The Gists spent the next year in London, England, where Samuel pursued an M.A. in medieval history. E-mail: sl.hc.gist@gmail.com

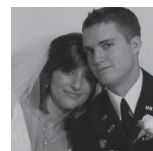


EMILY HOLSCRAW, '07, married Blake Olson at Boettcher Mansion in Golden, Colorado, on March 20, 2009. In attendance were **ANNA HOLSCRAW BAIN**, '07, **KATHRYN WILLIAMS**, '09, **ERICA VANSTON**, '06, **CATE LARSEN BRYAN**, '06, **ALEX VANSTON**, '11, and **BEN PARKER**, '10. The couple met while Emily was a Denver-based flight attendant and Blake was finishing his mechanical engineering degree at Colorado University-Boulder. Blake now works for Lockheed Martin in Grand Prairie, Texas. The couple resides at 4021 Kirby Dr. #324, Fort Worth, TX 76155. E-mail: emilyjeanolson@gmail.com



NATHAN and **JENNIFER WALKER MORTIER**, '07, '08, were married on May 31, 2008, at Parkside Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Hillsdale friends in the wedding party included **KATIE WALKER**, '11; **AARON MORTIER**, '12; **CHRIS WALKER**, '06; **KATE KAUFFMAN WALKER**, '06; **KJERSTIN OSTLIND KAUFFMAN**, '08; **ELLIOTT WILLIAMS**, '07; **KEVIN KIMBALL**, '07; pianists **CAMERON WILKENS**, '09, and **KATHRYN WILLIAMS MUELLER**, '09; readers **EMILY SAWYER CLAUS**, '03 and **RYAN MAULDIN**, '07; hostesses **JESSIE DEGNAN**, '08, **KKG**, and **JENNY BREWER**, '08; personal attendant **CATHERINE WOOD**, '09; and videographer **ALLEN SHOFF**, '10. Other friends in attendance were **KELLY FLAKE WILLIAMS**, '06; **HANNAH STONE**, '09; **AARON SCHUBERT**, '08; **TIFFANY NIEBUHR**, '08; **PAUL RAY**, '08; **NICK KAUFFMAN**, '08; **JESSICA GANNON**, '08; **LAUREN HEILBORN**, '10; **ALISON KONARSKE**, '10, **PBP**; **HALLIE STUCKEY**, '09, **PBP**; **ANNA SAWYER**, '10; **CHAS CLAUS**, '01; **ANDREW** and **JAMIE BROGAN VANDERPUT**, '08, '08, **PBP**; **DANIEL** and

ROSELI VAN OPSTAL BURFIEND, '08, '08, **PBP**; **CAMERON RODECK**, '09; **JESSICA FOX**, '08; **JON FISHER**, '08; and **MATTHEW MCCORKLE**, '08. After honeymooning in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, the couple moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, where Nathan attends William & Mary Law School, and Jen works in human resources/benefits for Ferguson Enterprises Inc., a national company headquartered in Newport News, Virginia. Email: njmortier@gmail.com



JEREMY URBAN and **CARLY KOSIK**, '07, **SC**; '07, **PBP**, were married on December 28, 2007, at Plum Street Station in Grand Island, Nebraska. Guests of the groom were groomsmen **LUKE WALKER**, '07, **SC**; and **SEAN MATTIELLO**, '07, **SC**; guests **CARL LUCAS**, '07, **SC**; **LOUIS STRAGMALIA**, '08, **SC**; **JOSIAH RYAN**, '07, **SC**; **ANDY MCPHILLIPS**, '06, **SC**; and **JEREMY VRYHOF**, '08, **SC**. Guests of the bride include maid of honor **MICHAELA MCANANY**, '07, **PBP**; bridesmaids, **RACHEL WARD**, '07, **PBP**, and **ANN SCHANBACHER**, '07, **PBP**; and guests **SARA KOSIK SENTENA**, '04; **LEIGH LEWIS**, '07, **PBP**; **CAITY WARD**, '07, **PBP**; and **JULIE EMMENECKER**, '07, **PBP**. The couple now resides in Manhattan, Kansas. E-mail: jayurban@live.com



ANTHONY GONZALEZ, '08, married Kathryn Garner on July 11, 2009, at The Riviera Theater in Charleston, South Carolina. The Reverend Peter Lanzillotta performed the ceremony. Music for the ceremony was provided by **EVAN MORGAN**, '08. Among the wedding party were **MATTHEW SCHONERT**, '07, **JACK HITTINGER**, '08, and **CHASE PURDY**, '09. The couple traveled to Portland, Oregon, for their honeymoon, and they reside in Waynesboro, Virginia, where they work for the *New Virginian*. E-mail: gonzalezreports@gmail.com



NATALIE SCARLETT, '09, married Aaron Williams in Fort Collins, Colorado, in the natural surroundings of the Rocky Mountains. **MEGAN HANNEY**, '10, was the maid of honor. **KATIE-ROSE MCENELLY**, '10; **LYDIA MELANCHON**, '09; **ELIZABETH HENDERSON**, '10; **TRISTAN VAN MAREN**, '10; **EMRYS VAN MAREN**, '07; **STEPHEN PETRIE**, '09; **BENJAMIN NYGAARD**, '09; and **MATTHEW ERICKSON**, '08 were all members of the wedding party and

contributed to the ceremony musically or literarily. Other Hillsdale students and alumni in attendance were **SARAH PAYE, '09**; **ROB OGDEN, '09**; **SETH TWOMEY, '10**; **MARIA LAMS, '12**; **JAVONNE PADGETT, '08**; **KATE JONES, '10**; **SUSANNAH WARNER, '08**; **KATE NICKSIC, '11**; **KEVIN KING, '09**; **DAMIAN CLEARY, '09**; and **KARI SNYDER, '10**. Everyone went camping afterwards. Natalie works at the OpenStage Theatre Company in Fort Collins and is currently writing a book of poetry. Aaron works at Ridgeview Classical School in Fort Collins. The couple welcomes couch surfers coming through Colorado who attended Hillsdale College. E-mail: natalie.r.scarlett@gmail.com

Births

1990s

LAURA JONES-GARCIA, '93, her husband Dave and their son Brandon, age 5, welcomed Kara Rose to their family on July 18, 2009. She was born a month early, weighing 5 lbs., 8 oz. and was 18 inches long. After spending a few days in the NICU, she went home to a very happy family and proud big brother. The family resides at 1862 Redleaf Court, Beavercreek, OH 45432. E-mail: hotepoth@aol.com



BRYAN and JAMINDA BRITT SPRINGER, '94, '95, announce the birth of their daughter, Alberdina Frances, who was born on July 7, 2009. She weighed

8 lbs., 2 oz. She was welcomed by big brother Bryan and big sister Ella. E-mail: bspringer@hillsdale.edu



STEVE and KYAN DONALDSON ZELLER, '95, TKE; '95, AXD, along with their son Quentin, age 5, welcomed Eliza Jane on December 1, 2008. The

family resides at 2395 Hulett Road, Okemos, MI 48864. E-mail: skzeller@comcast.net



KATIE KENNEDY HARTMAN, '97, and her husband Nathan happily announce the birth of their first child, Audrey

Lyn, born on May 23, 2008. Audrey was 7 lbs., 14 oz. and 18 inches long. Katie "retired" from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom. They live in Seattle where Nathan is a CPA at Peterson Sullivan LLP. E-mail: nathankatie@comcast.net



CAMILLE VAN BUREN GABEL, '98, and her husband Mitchell welcomed Miles Xavier on November 11, 2008. Miles was welcomed home

by big sisters Sarah, age 9, and Ella, age 2. They reside at 7101 Smoke Ranch Road, Apt. 1091, Las Vegas, NV 89128. E-mail: camillegabel@yahoo.com



KATIE LOGUE MARREEL, '98, KKG, and her husband Rob announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Lauren, who was born on March

26, 2008. Anna was welcomed home by big brother Ethan, age 3. Rob is an engineering manager in the interactive television industry, and Katie continues to do web and graphic design while being a stay-at-home mom. They live in Hillsboro, Oregon. E-mail: katie@marreel.com



AMY PRICE BROOKS, '99, and her husband Jason announce the birth of their second child, Addison Nicole, born on July 27,

2008. "Addy" weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother Aidan, age 3. The family resides in Northville. E-mail: amynicoleprice@yahoo.com



SEAN KEEFER, '99, and his wife Gaby announce the arrival of their son, Ramiro Enzo. Both their sons, Santiago and Ramiro, were given

Spanish names as Gaby is originally from Argentina, where Sean lived for two years and where they were married in 2005. Ramiro was born on June 19, 2009. The family lives in Fishers, Indiana, where Sean serves as the deputy commissioner with the Indiana Department of Labor. E-mail: smkeefe@gmail.com

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2000s



KATIE LEATHERBY GILLIN, '01, PBP, and her husband Peter announce the birth of their daughter, Annie Paige, who was born on December 3, 2008. She weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. The family resides in Irvine, California.



JESSICA DONDA LEDBETTER, '01, PBP, and her husband Andrew are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Kira Joy, born

on May 1, 2009, in Athens, Ohio. Kira weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. Kira was excitedly welcomed home by her big sister Sydney Anne, age 2. Andrew is currently a faculty member in the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University. Jessica is enjoying some time at home with Kira and Sydney before returning to her part-time adjunct faculty position at Ohio University, where she teaches courses on a variety of legal topics. E-mail: dondaleah@gmail.com

ANNA MERSINO WOYCICK, '01, CO, and her husband Scott announce the birth of their third child, Thomas Michael, who was born on April 4, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and was 20 inches long. Thomas was welcomed home by big brother Andrew, age 3, and big sister Maria, age 2. The family resides in Perrysburg, Ohio. E-mail: anna@mersino.com



CHRIS and JULIE HENRY PASTOR, '02, '01, announce the birth of their first child, son William James. He was born on August 12, 2009, in Portsmouth, Ohio. He weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. E-mail: japastor@surfglobal.net

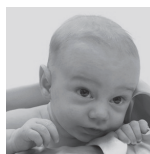


ELIZABETH CREPEAU EHLEN, '02, and her husband Matt announce the arrival of their baby girl, Rachelle Jane. She was born on December 21, 2008, weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by big brother David, who adores his baby sister. Matt is still working for Boeing Co. and is involved in local politics as the president of the Saint Charles Young Republicans (stcharlesyrs.com). Ebie enjoys being a mom and also works from home as the director of placement services for A Gift of Hope Adoptions (aGiftofHopeAdoptions.com), a domestic infant adoption agency that she helped to start. The family resides in Saint Charles, Missouri. E-mail: ebienic@yahoo.com

MANDY VRIESENGA SIETSEMA, '03, and her husband Andy announce the birth of their third daughter, Molly Jane. She was born on July 17, 2009, weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. She is loved very much by her big sisters, Layne Marie and Abigail Claire. E-mail: amsietsema@zenbe.com



DEREK and EMILY WILLETT MULLER, '04, '04, announce the arrival of their daughter, Elizabeth Laura, on May 13, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20 inches long. Derek is an attorney in Chicago, and Emily stays home with their two children.



JONATHAN and KAREN JOHNSON DAUGHTREY, '05, '05, announce the birth of their firstborn, Patrick Martin, who was born on September 19, 2008. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Jonathan is a teacher and grammar school principal at Veritas Academy in Leola, Pennsylvania, and Karen is a stay-at-home mom. The family resides at

539 Cobblestone Lane, Lancaster, PA 17601. E-mail: thedaughtreys@yahoo.com

ANDY and JOANNA GRILLE SHAW, '06, '06, welcomed their first baby on July 4, 2008. Jordan Andrew weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Andy and Joanna were married January 7, 2007, and reside in Yorkville, Illinois. E-mail: jgrillester@gmail.com



SAMUEL and HANNAH CRESAP GIST, '07, '07, joyfully announce the arrival of their daughter, Lucy Miriam, who was born on December 19, 2008. The family resides in Carmel, Indiana, where Samuel teaches Latin at Coram Deo Academy, and Hannah is a stay-at-home mom. E-mail: sl.hc.gist@gmail.com

PATRICK and KRISTI NICKLES WHALEN, '09, '07, announce the birth of their daughter, Georgia Mary. She was born on September 11, 2008. The family resides in California. E-mail: wkristi27@gmail.com

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Outside of the classroom, Portteus is putting the finishing touches on a revision of his book length dissertation, *Administration and the American Regime*. His prospects are favorable: a few publishers have offered him contracts already. His "to-do" list, however, does not end here. Portteus plans to revisit, expand, and publish two earlier works of his on the U.S. Congress and Progressive thinker Herbert Croly.

After moving four times in under ten years, Portteus seems to have found a permanent home. The friends he and his wife have met in the campus community and their church have made the move to Hillsdale their easiest ever. Thus, despite cold winters, Portteus is grateful to find himself where he is. "I'm just very thankful for the opportunity to be here, to be part of the community; I'm happy to contribute in whatever way I can." ■ PHILIP ZOUTENDAM, '10

Obituaries

1940s

ROBERT E. BUCKMASTER, '40, passed away on April 4, 2009.

1950s

RALPH EUGENE DRIESBACH, '50, passed away on December 15, 2008, at his home in Holly. Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, **CAROL, '51**; daughters, Ann (Dan) Barker of Fenton, Jane (Tom) Metz of Holly and Mary Miller of Arizona. Ralph graduated from Edford High School in 1944. He joined the U.S. Navy Air Corps from 1944 to 1946. He graduated from Hillsdale College with a degree in human relations. About 10 years ago he began developing and became steward for the Dauner-Martin Sanctuary in Fenton. He developed five miles of trails and directional signs and helped with general upkeep. He directed groups on tours and had an unending love for nature.

BOB DONOVAN, '53, DTD, died on May 16, 2009. Bob is survived by his wife, **VIRGINIA HUNGERFORD DONOVAN, '52, PBP**; his children, **MARK DONOVAN, '75, TKE**, and **KERRY DONOVAN CUMMINGS, '77, KKG**; and his nine grandchildren, Charlie, Tim, Anne and Doug Cummings; and Drew, Luke, **ROSS, '05, ATO**; **JAKE, '09, ATO**; and **CORTNEY DONOVAN, '11, KKG**.

Before attending Hillsdale, Bob served in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in China. Bob was with the last group of Americans to leave China after the Communist Revolution. Following his tour with the Marines, Bob attended Hillsdale College, where he majored in economics and met his wife Virginia. Bob asked Virginia to marry him while they were sitting on the stone bench in front of Central Hall. After college, Bob worked for over 25 years in the banking industry. He retired as a vice president at the American National Bank in Chicago. He also served for two years as president of the American Institute of Banking—at the time the largest educational institute for training of bankers in the country. Bob taught classes for the Institute as well as a financial seminar for Northwestern University Dental School. After retirement, Bob became an alderman in Prospect Heights, Illinois. While an alderman, he was voted Citizen of the Year of Prospect Heights in 2002 due to his civic contributions. The honor Bob treasured most, however, was the Tower Award from Hillsdale College in 2005. Besides his

family, there was nothing Bob loved more than Hillsdale College.

JOHN M. GREENLEY, '54, died at his home in St. Clair on May 1, 2009. He was born in Hillsdale and is survived by his wife, **GLORIA THOURLBY, '55**, to whom he was married for almost 54 years. He lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for the first five years of his life. He was a corporal in the Army in Japan for two years, serving his country immediately after VJ Day. He had a career as an account executive for Standard Products Company for 35 years. His passions included building homes, golf, wood-working, crewel embroidery and world travel. His civic involvement included the St. Clair Planning Commission, Pine Shores Golf Commissioner, Beautification Commission, Facilities Committee and Mayor's Task Force.



MARION LATREILLE SHIPMAN-CUMMINS, '54, CO, passed away on December 5, 2008, at the age of 73. She has two sons and two daughters, two

grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. At Hillsdale, she was a member of Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Iota, a national music fraternity. She taught elementary school in Hillsdale where she was also the president of the Hillsdale Garden Club. She also lived and taught in Traverse City.

JOHN DEER, '58, DSP, died on September 9, 2009 in Sandusky, Ohio, after a four-month battle with cancer. After graduating from Risingsun High School in Ohio, he was recruited to play football at Hillsdale where he earned a bachelor of science degree in economics. John and his football teammates won four straight MIAA Conference titles and amassed a record-setting 34-game winning streak from 1954 to 1957 for the Dales under the leadership of Coach Frank "Muddy" Waters. These teams are members of the Hillsdale College Athletic Hall of Fame. Following graduation, John served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. He returned in September 1960 and married **RONDA DOANE DEER, '60**, that November. John was an active supporter of Hillsdale College as a member of the Alumni Executive Board, of which he was president. He was also a member of The President's Club. He received Hillsdale's Alumni Recognition Award in 1997 and was seen from time to time on the Alumni Walk helping his wife place bricks. John lived with his wife in Huron, Ohio, since 1974 where they were active in their children's school activities. He retired in 2005 as a chief financial officer of Alvada ACI Construction Company in Alvada, Ohio. Previously, he was vice president

of finance for Bay-Con Corporation in Sandusky, Ohio. In retirement, he enjoyed working at Cedar Point during the summer. In addition to Ronda, John is survived by his daughters, **ELIZABETH DEER WALKER, '87**, of Charleston, West Virginia, and Karen Deer Sutton of Livonia; his son, Ron Deer of Charleston, West Virginia; granddaughters Jennifer Walker and Melanie Sutton; sister Janet Burkett; and brother James Deer.

1960s

JAMES MASTERS, '60, of Cape Coral, Florida, passed away peacefully at Hope Hospice on January 19, 2009. He was born in Duluth, Minnesota, on May 14, 1934, to James and Leora Masters. Jim served his country honorable with the U.S. Air Force from 1954-56 and in the reserves until 1962. After his discharge, he attended Hillsdale College. He moved to Saint Petersburg, Florida, in 1961 and began his insurance career. He worked as an independent insurance agent for Allstate and retired after 30 years. For the past 10 years, Jim enjoyed working at the Cape Coral Wal-Mart in sporting goods. Jim will be remembered for his love of boating, fishing and hunting. His family includes his wife, Ann Masters; two sons, Mikel and James Masters; three daughters, Kim Masters, Michelle (Manny) Garcia, and Heather (Ron) Cotorakas; and two stepsons, Matt (Denise) Wactor and Clay Wactor. Also surviving are one sister, Sandra Masters, and sister-in-law, Mary Masters; one nephew/godson, Jack Masters Jr.; and two nieces, Lisa and Michelle Masters.

1990s



NORA "DOLLY" JANE SCHAEFER GILBERT, '93, beloved wife of Peter and loving mother of Brendan Patrick, daughter, sister, niece, cousin and friend

of many, entered into eternal life on March 5, 2009, at the age of 38 after a valiant five-year struggle with brain cancer. Nora graduated with a degree in philosophy and a deep respect for Hillsdale. It is no surprise that even after college, Nora enjoyed a lively debate (she was usually right) and lots of dancing. The simple things really made her happy: Main Street Pizza, the Safety Dance, or just a nice talk with a new or old friend. Of course, her smile was brightest when she was with her family. Her college roommates, **COLLEEN SOMERVILLE GILSON, '93**; **NANCY WELCH CHUNG, '94**; and **JANE WORTMAN SOUKUP, '93**, would like all who knew Nora to find some peace in knowing she achieved what we all hope to do—that is, to become more kind, loving and understanding.

[above] Bowers Harbor Vineyards overlooking West Grand Traverse Bay. [left] Spencer Stegenga, '95, poses with Cooper, the official greeter of Bowers Harbor Vineyards

A New Venture on Old Mission

Spencer Stegenga Makes and MARKETS NORTHERN MICHIGAN WINES

Spencer Stegenga, '95

- President, co-owner and winegrower of Bowers Harbor Vineyards
- Co-founder of the Wineries of Old Mission, Northern Michigan Wine Summit, and the Michigan Wine Foundation
- Business administration/marketing major
- The Langley Vineyard and Erica Vineyard at Bowers Harbor were named after Spencer's grandfather and wife, respectively

FARMERS ALONG Michigan's west coast have long known that the sandy soil and tempering effects of Lake Michigan create an ideal environment for growing the best cherries and apples. Only more recently have they discovered that this land also produces spectacular vineyards. And now this best-kept secret has been uncorked on a national stage, thanks in part to the work and wines of Spencer Stegenga, '95, owner of Bowers Harbor Vineyards on Traverse City's Old Mission Peninsula.

As a teen, Stegenga worked in the vineyards at Chateau Grand Traverse, the only winery on Old Mission Peninsula at the time. Realizing the great potential for creating a tourist attraction to highlight the agricultural bounty of the region, the Stegenga family incorporated Bowers Harbor Vineyards in 1991, the same year Spencer matriculated to Hillsdale College.

While his parents worked to establish the vineyard, Stegenga studied marketing at Hillsdale. He fondly remembers his classes with marketing professors Dr. Charles

Davies and Dr. Thomas Carstens, and he even co-wrote a case study for McGraw Hill that is still being used in American classrooms. He also appreciated the small and family business seminars offered during Christmas break. “I learned so much at those seminars and still regularly refer to information I received from them, like goal-setting, timelines and building annual road maps,” Stegenga said. He traveled to Ann Arbor frequently while at Hillsdale to work with wine distributors and learn about the business.

Putting what he learned at his seminars into practice, Stegenga put together a comprehensive business plan for Bowers Harbor Vineyards in which he and his parents had equal ownership. His parents agreed to the plan, and in 1996, he became a one-third owner. That year, the winery bottled 800 cases; in 1997, production nearly doubled to 1500 cases, and by 2011, it will exceed 12,000 cases.

Stegenga realized that increasing the size of the business would require creative marketing as well as cooperation and collaboration with the other fledgling wineries on the Old Mission Peninsula. To that end, in 1997 he helped establish the Wineries of Old Mission, a 501(c)3 organization to promote the seven wineries on the peninsula and build them into a regional destination. The organization holds eight annual events, including Romancing the Riesling, Divas Uncorked, and The Great Macaroni and Cheese Bakeoff, often teaming up with local restaurants. “My family came up with many of the ideas for these events,” Stegenga said. “Because we’re a small vineyard and didn’t have as much financial resources as some the others, it forced us to be creative.”

One of those creative ideas was to integrate the name of the pinot gris wine variety to pinot grigio. It has become one of Stegenga’s flagship wines and, as he noted, “put Bowers Harbor Vineyards on the map.” His Block II Dry Riesling enjoys similar success, recently taking gold medals at several international wine shows, including a double gold and best of show award in San Francisco.

“Our wines are exotic outside of Michigan,” Stegenga said. “People who have never tasted Michigan wines before can’t believe how great they are. I’ve even been told by outside professionals and writers that my prices are too low!”

Each winter, Stegenga hits the road to market his wines, participating in events around the country and occasionally making a family vacation out of the trips with his wife, Erica Schoenherr Stegenga, ’94, and their two young sons, Evan and Spencer. “We now sell in California, Florida, and New York. I’m working on breaking into Colorado and other states,” he said.

As he works to spread the Bowers Harbor Vineyard name,



Top to bottom: The tasting room at Bowers Harbor Vineyards; three of the vineyard’s award-winning wines; sorting through just-harvested grapes.

Stegenga finds himself spreading the Hillsdale name as well. “I run into people everywhere who love Hillsdale College,” he said. “It makes me very proud to be an alumnus. People always talk about *Imprimis!*”

Back at the vineyard, Stegenga takes great pride in the fact that the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program has recognized Bowers Harbor Vineyards for its sustainable farming practices. “We took the initiative on this green practice ten years ago, being stewards of the land, and while it was a lot of additional paperwork up front, the payoff is a better quality of wine and a better environment for us, our neighbors, and future generations,” he said.

“If you can make passion your paycheck, you’ll be successful.” Stegenga still recalls those words from Dr. Charles Davies—words that clearly apply to his work at Bowers Harbor Vineyards.

“I’m just as passionate about marketing our wine as I am about growing our grapes,” he said. A full-time, year-round staff of seven shares that passion at Bowers Harbor, and the staff doubles during the summer and fall seasons.

Since Bowers Harbor Vineyards was established, the number of wineries in the Grand Traverse region has grown from five to 37, and statewide, the numbers have increased dramatically as well. “Winemaking is an ancient art, one that goes back to biblical times, yet it’s so new in Michigan,” Stegenga said. “I’m honored to be able to help people discover this dynamic growing industry that produces world-class wines.” ■ MONICA VANDERWEIDE, ’95

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Saturday to practice and refine what they've learned. The course requires no equipment or experience, nor is there any fee; the College provides everything from guns to shells to rubber orange earplugs. Thus, the classes typically include both novices and veteran shooters excited by the opportunity, in the words of instructor Barry Leosh, to "make noise and break targets."

This fall, in addition to the College-sponsored shotgun class, Hillsdale has opened a new avenue for participation in shooting sports. A trap shooting club has been founded and is progressing toward official status under the new Club Sports program. For a nominal fee, any student can join the

club and take advantage of additional operating hours at the range on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday afternoons. Although currently focused on widening its membership and establishing a permanent infrastructure and constitution, the club eventually will serve as the base for a competitive shooting program. As early as next spring, the College hopes to enter individuals and teams in collegiate trap shooting meets.

Club membership will remain open to any interested in the sport as a hobby, but will also provide an outlet for those who wish to pursue it at a more advanced level. Tim Wells, the director of Hillsdale's Club Sports initiative, acknowledged that the

club will draw two kinds of members and emphasized that both are welcome.

The College hopes to begin construction on several Sporting Clay stands and positions this fall, and rifle and pistol ranges for precision competition should be completed by June 2010. The Sporting Clay facilities will overlay the American Trap ranges, which will "allow the College to compete and to train while maximizing our space," according to Rich Péwé, Vice President for Administration.

Funding for additions to the firearms facility remains robust. Péwé attributes this to the unique position of Hillsdale College regarding the Constitution. "I'm pretty confident [in our shooting program]

because we're one of the few schools that talks about the Constitution . . . and we're not limiting talk to just the Second Amendment." This commitment to America's fundamental liberties has forged important and productive relationships across the nation. "They've been under attack for a long time, and mostly it's the higher-education crowd that's been after them, [but] we're an advocate for that whole industry." Thus the Constitution is intimately connected with both the foundation and the future of the Firearms Education Facility. The facility truly earns its name as an instrument of education.

■ PHILIP ZOUTENDAM, '10



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Anchored in Tradition but Open to the World

Studying French at Hillsdale

EACH MORNING when I come to campus, I'm impressed by the idyllic scene around me and the enormous changes I've witnessed over the years. Worthing Hall is but a distant memory; Kresge (of not so fond memory!) is gone; Moss Hall stands where Knowlton once was; Fine Arts has been replaced by beautiful Delp Hall; and Lane and Kendall Halls now complete the circle around the front campus. Central Hall alone remains unchanged, a symbol of the enduring traditions that make this College special.

The grounds and buildings are indeed beautiful, but the true beauty lies in the students who come to us for a curriculum not found in many institutions of higher learning—

one that emphasizes the underlying principles of democracy. What importance can study of the language and literature of France have in a school with such an orientation? After all, it was only a few years ago that “freedom fries” became a popular designation for the quintessential American delicacy formerly associated with France!

My answer, of course, is that the French Department plays a vital role in the education of our students. The great American experiment drew much of its inspiration from Western European thinkers. In Paris, over a few glasses of wine in *le café Procope*, Voltaire and Ben Franklin debated the ideas inspiring the American and French Revolutions. My colleagues in political science and history often cite the insights of Alexis de Toqueville, the revolutionary fervor of the Marquis de Lafayette, and the political acumen of Montesquieu.

French philosopher Michel de Montaigne would heartily approve of

Hillsdale's emphasis on the cultivation of the critical faculties. His “*mieux vaut une tête bien faite qu'une tête bien pleine*” (“better a thinking mind than one which can only spout facts”) still resonates here. And our emphasis on the literary canon of the major cultures shaping Western thought has made my teaching days a pleasure. In an age when so many departments nationwide have succumbed to the latest fad, Hillsdale students still explore the works of important French authors from Chrétien de Troyes in the Middle Ages to Albert Camus in the 20th century.

The casual visitor might conclude from our surroundings and devotion to tradition that we are totally removed from reality. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our students are also exposed to 21st century French works, along with Francophone culture and literature, in courses that complement our essential core curriculum. Most majors and minors in French, German,

and Spanish venture beyond the campus to internships and academic programs abroad. In France, the most frequented sites are the *Institut de Touraine* in Tours, the *Université Stendhal* in Grenoble, and the *Sorbonne* in Paris.

Most recently, the new language lab, a gift from the 2009 graduating class, will assist in our mission to perfect language skills and to provide students with culturally authentic information. The gift reflects the desire Hillsdale students have to experience the diversity of other cultures. By so doing, they develop an awareness and appreciation of what it means to be an American in an era of global inter-connectedness.

It is to be hoped that our students will return many times in the years hereafter with their children and grandchildren to stroll the idyllic grounds surrounding Central Hall, and remember with fondness the role Hillsdale College played in their formation as American citizens—and as citizens of the world. ■



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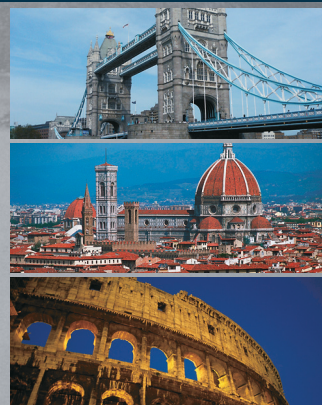
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